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'Harsh reality' faces U.S. Jews

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

U.S. President George Bush's State of the Union address has reconfirmed to the Jewish community that it will largely have to look to itself to meet the needs of Jews at home and abroad.

The Jewish community, which is hard hit by the recession, must face the "harsh reality" that it can depend on no one but itself, said Mark Talisman, director of the Washington Action Office of the Council of Jewish Federations.

While Bush's economic proposals left many Jewish leaders unsatisfied, his attack on bigotry, including anti-Semitism, was welcomed.

"If you read the papers or watch TV, you know there's been a rise these days in a certain kind of bitterness, racist comments, anti-Semitism, an increased sense of division," the president said.

"Really, this is not us," he said. "This is not who we are. And this is not acceptable."

Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, said he was pleased that the president used his "bully pulpit" to denounce racism and anti-Semitism specifically.

Noting that Bush had done so in his previous State of the Union address, Foxman said it is important that the country's leaders speak out assertively on this issue.

U.S. President George Bush

Unlike his previous State of the Union speeches, Bush did not mention his opposition to abortion, his support for allowing voluntary prayer in the public schools, or his plan to provide federal aid so that parents can send their children to private and parochial schools. He expressed these views in an address to the National Religious Broadcasters convention a day earlier.

Bush's address focused almost exclusively on economic issues, and Bush's brief mention of Israel came after he reminded his audience of the liberation of Kuwait from Iraq last year.

"Soon after, the Arab world and Israel sat down to talk seriously, and comprehensively, about peace, an historic first."

Talisman, who said he had witnessed 33 State of the Union messages, said he was disturbed by the intense partisanship shown by both Democrats and Republicans. "We need problem solving," not partisanship, he said.

The president's speech was a "mixed message" for the Jewish community, Talisman said. He said that while the president is proposing increases for some domestic needs, such as the Head Start program and emergency food and shelter, funds for resettling refugees are being cut from $421 million to $227 million.

This will hit hard local Jewish communities that are already reeling over the burden of resettling thousands of Jews from the former Soviet Union.

The Jewish community is also suffering from the recession, as are many other Americans, Talisman said. Jews who used to be donors to their federations are now coming to them for aid.

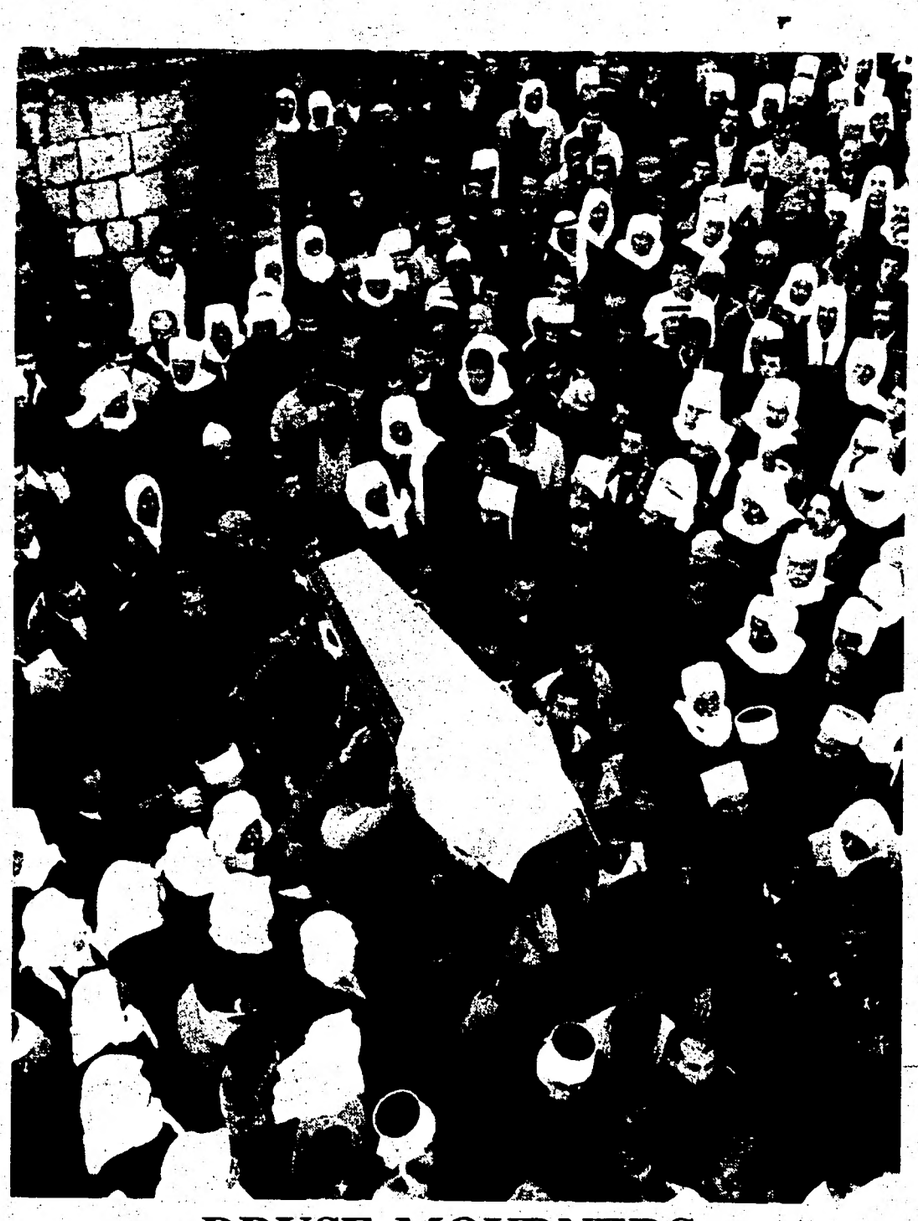
Jews have a high percentage of elderly, many of whom are on fixed incomes, Talisman said. They are hurt by the same low interest rates that help younger people, he pointed out.

He also said that Jews involved in sales, whether retail or supply, have been hard hit by the high unemployment that has accompanied the recession.

But Jewish communal institutions cannot close their doors, no matter what kind of cut they sustain from federal and state governments, Talisman stressed.

He also said that despite the "enormous challenge of meeting this domestic crisis," American Jewry has an obligation to help Jews in Israel and elsewhere.

This requires "wall-to-wall Judaism," with all Jews contributing to the federations, Talisman said. "People have to start understanding that we have to take care of our own," he said.



DRUSE MOURNERS

Thousands of mourners attended the recent funeral of Mufeed Kena'an, a Druse from the village of Yerka who was shot dead by Palestinian terrorists while hunting. He leaves a wife and five children. He is the third Druse to have been murdered in the territories in the past twelve months. [IPPA photo]

Refugees not limited to Palestinians: CIC

By RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA —

Israel will have to be "very careful" to avoid an exclusively Palestinian bent in the round of multilateral Mideast peace talks Canada will host in the spring, says the Canada-Israel Committee.

At the request of U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, Canada has agreed to host a meeting in late April or early May on the fate of the Middle East's estimated 4.5 million refugees. The conference is expected to be held here.

In mediating the question of Mideast refugees, Canada has assumed "a very difficult and sensitive" role, CIC national executive director Rob Ritter told *The CJN*.

The whole issue of Middle East refugees is a touchy one because the world assumes there are only Arab and Palestinian refugees, Ritter said.

In fact, there are an estimated 800,000 Jews who fled to Israel from Arab lands years ago and fit the United Nations' definition of refugee, as well as thousands of Kurdish refugees, Ritter said.

"It will be important not to lose sight of the fact that there is a regional refugee problem and not just a Palestinian refugee problem," he said.

"And there are many aspects of the Palestinian refugee problem that are tied to other Arab lands."

Ritter referred specifically to the estimated 300,000 Palestinians expelled by Kuwait following the Gulf War. Most went to Jordan, but an estimated 50,000 settled on the West Bank, he explained.

He said the refugee problem has been at the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict since 1948. More than half of the roughly 1.8 million Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza Strip are classified as refugees, as are the one million Palestinians in Jordan and about 300,000 each in Syria and Lebanon. Add to that the Palestinians kicked out by Kuwait and the nearly one million Jews and Kurds, and the numbers are daunting.

Palestinians in the territories are demanding the right to return to Israel. The Jewish state says that would sound its death knell.

However, the whole question may be academic, as the Palestinians have threatened to boycott the Canadian session.

They claim it is impossible to discuss the refugee problem without representation from Palestinians in East Jerusalem and other Arab nations.

Israel has stated since the initial Madrid talks that any attempt to include Palestinians from outside the territories will mean an end to its participation in negotiations.

But some observers feel Israel may be forced by the United States to accept a widened Palestinian delegation.

If the Canadian talks do take place, it is hoped that as many as possible of the 23 nations which took part in last week's Moscow round of talks will come to Canada, Rodney Moore, a spokesman for the External Affairs department, told *The CJN*.

Five working groups were set up at the Moscow talks, where Canada was represented by External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall.

Moore said McDougall held private meetings with Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy, Palestinian representative Hanan Ashrawi and the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

Israeli election set

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israelis will go to the polls on Tuesday, June 23, to elect a new Knesset.

The date was officially announced last Thursday after the Labor Party leadership approved an understanding reached with Likud. Labor had originally favored June 16.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told reporters "a week earlier or later would not have mattered." He said he was satisfied with the date.

Ordinarily, elections would not have been held until November 1992, when the term of the 12th Knesset expires. But Shamir's Likud-led coalition government lost its parliamentary majority a week ago when the far-right Tehiya and Moledet parties defected. Early elections then became a virtual certainty.

Shamir has one declared challenger for leadership of Likud and the office of prime minister. Housing Minister Ariel Sharon, the government's most outspoken hawk, announced his candidacy several months ago.

Foreign Minister David Levy replied "no comment" when asked if he would throw his hat into the ring.

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Canada

Support for peace high among Likud

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
A recently released poll of Likud central committee members dashes many popular misconceptions and shows that Israel's ruling party is relatively moderate and committed to the peace process, a meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region executive was told recently.

The poll results, published in the mass circulation daily *Yediot Aharonot*, shows that the majority of the 3,208-member central committee do not identify with hawkish elements, said Prof. Gabriel Ben-Dor. They see disposition of the territories in security terms, not ideological ones, he said.

Ben-Dor, a political science professor on sabbatical at York University's Centre for Strategic Studies, said the poll was based on interviews with more than 500 central committee members.

It showed that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is fully backed on the peace process (92 percent agree he should have gone to Madrid) and that 56 percent believe peace with the Palestinians will be attained. Only 31 percent believe the same prospects pertain to Syria, Ben-Dor said.

Seventy-three percent support autonomy for the Palestinians, five percent would exchange territories for peace and 18 percent want outright annexation of the territories, Ben-Dor said.

One-third of respondents favor a settlement freeze during negotiations while two-thirds oppose it.

Ben-Dor said that while Israel's international legitimacy was recently boosted by the opening of diplomatic relations with China and the repeal of the United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism, important Arab states like Syria and Jordan voted against the repeal.

That leaves open the question whether, even in the midst of peace talks, they truly recognize Israel as a legitimate entity in the region, he said.

Ben-Dor said that despite an "ugly rift" between Israel and the United States and Israel's inability to put its views across to the American public, he was optimistic about the peace process. He said the Palestinian leadership is "running scared," finding itself stuck between Islamic fundamentalists and radical nationalists. They are afraid of missing a last chance for a settlement, he added.

In other reports, Nathan Leipciger, national chairman of the Holocaust remembrance committee, said a 60-passenger tour bus has been obtained to ferry visitors between the main camp at Auschwitz to Birkenau, three kilometres away. It was at Birkenau that an estimated 1.5 million Jews were murdered, he said.

Gerda Frieberg, who chaired a recent community commemoration of the Wannsee conference, underwrote the costs of the bus, he said. The bus will be dedicated in the memories of Frieberg's father and grandmother as well as the half-million Jewish children killed at the death camp, Leipciger added.

Gabriel Ben-Dor

At the opening of Sefarad, Sefarad, were (from left) Israeli consul general Oren David; Antonio Bullon, Spain's consul general in Toronto; Joe Elmaleh, president of Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation; and Les Scheininger, president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Sephardi community launches new Spanish Judaica exhibit

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Movers and shakers in Toronto's Sephardi community gathered last week at Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation for the kick-off of a stunning exhibit of Spanish Judaica.

Organized and sponsored by Spain's Foreign Ministry, the exhibit, entitled Sefarad, Sefarad, was inaugurated at the shul by the Spanish consul-general in Toronto, Antonio Bullon.

The display closes Feb. 7, after which it will travel to Montreal and Ottawa. From Canada, there are plans to take the artifacts to the United States and Europe.

The display is part of the worldwide commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the great explusion of Jews from Spain. All through 1992, Jewish communities everywhere will mark the milestone with museum exhibits, educational programs and pilgrimages to Spain.

Sefarad, Sefarad encompasses an impressive display of ceremonial artifacts, Torah finials, covers and pointers and tefillin bags, some dating to the 17th century.

Wedding dress included

Included is a traditional Spanish-Jewish wedding dress, known as a Berberisca dress, a color-rich and symbol-laden garment that forms the display's centrepiece.

There are dozens of books detailing Spanish Jewry's rich and long history in the Iberian peninsula. Representatives from Spain's national airline, Iberia, were there, touting the country's desirability as a tourist destination.

About two dozen outsized photographs, evenly divided between color and black-and-white, give visual expression to vibrant Jewish life, past and present, in centres like Cordoba, Toledo and Hervas.

In his remarks, Bullon noted that in today's Spain, there are about a dozen Jewish communities experiencing a revival.

Greetings also came from Canadian Jewish Congress president Les Scheininger and Petah Tikva president Joe Elmaleh.

Also present was Oren David, Israel's consul in Toronto, and Sephardi leaders Max Benaim and Maurice Benzacar.

Educator's kits on the Spanish exile of 1492 are available through CJC's Ontario region. The kits, which include maps, slides, workbooks and audio cassettes of Sephardi music, are prepared by the Ben-Zvi Institute in Jerusalem.

For information, call Rachel Rosenberg at (416) 635-2883.

The following schools were inadvertently left out of the education survey.

DAY SCHOOLS — Elementary

Netivot Hatorah Day School: 55 Yeomans Rd. (preschool to grade 4), 210 Wilson Ave. (grades 5 - 8), 636-4050. Principal: Rabbi Avi Schochet. Contact person: Alan Steinfeld, administrator. General philosophy: to educate a generation of Torah-true students imbued with the belief in the land of Israel, for the people of Israel, according to the Torah of Israel. Extra subjects: gym, music. Special education services: remedial and tutorial, ESL, social worker. New this year, mishmar programs for both girls and boys. Comment: teaches ivrit b'ivrit.

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SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Temple Sinai Congregational School: 210 Wilson Ave., 487-3281. Principal: Dr. I. Schweitzer. Affiliated with Reform movement and Temple Sinai (attendance restricted to synagogue members). Students: 500, ages 4 - 18. Grades: junior kindergarten to grade 13. JK - grade 2, grades 8 - 13, once a week: grades 4 - 7, three times a week. Special education programs: Religious and reading Hebrew. Special programs: 10th grade confirmation program, young adults society (grades 11 - 13).

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PRESCHOOL AND NURSERY SCHOOLS

Temple Sinai Nursery School: 210 Wilson Ave., 487-3281. Director: Yonah Ander. Affiliation: Temple Sinai. Students: 160, ages 2 - 5. Student/staff ratio: 1:8 (age 2 - 1:4). Hours: 9 - 11:30 a.m. or 1 - 3:30 p.m. Programs: two or three day a week option for 2-year-olds; Come play with me — babies and parents program for children 12 - 24 months. Comments: computers, Hebrew, field trips, music specialists, Jewish holidays featured.

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PQ's Landry gets cool reception

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Parti-Quebecois vice-president Bernard Landry got a polite hearing but no hurrahs from the 150 Jewish community members he urged to get on board the independence bandwagon at a recent luncheon at Allied Jewish Community Services.

Landry heard many of the anxieties and resentments running deep in the Jewish community over the place of anglophones in the province and over Bill 178, the Quebec law banning outdoor commercial signs in any language besides French.

But some good-natured laughter from the attendees also marked the lunch with Landry, which Rabbi Reuben Poupko described as part of an initiative by AJCS and Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region, to keep the Jewish community active in the political process.

Rabbi Poupko was first approached by Landry to arrange the meeting.

Landry bluntly predicted a scenario in keeping with his party's line.

He said to a mixed group of leaders, lay people and young adults, that Quebec would leave Canada — in fact, "be a member of the United Nations" — within three years.

"I am absolutely certain a provincial solution is a dead case," he said.

But Landry, speaking almost entirely in English, also appealed specifically to the Jewish community to preserve its role in Quebec society and suggested its members, by living here and considering Quebec their home, were as true Quebecers as anyone.

To a burst of laughter, Landry said the term "pure laine," used to describe Quebecers of purely francophone extraction, "should be kept in the shmatta business."

Landry spent a half hour presenting the case for secession on economic and political grounds, among them that Quebec "is a nation," the failure of a "bi-national" Canada over its 125-year history, and numerous polls indicating that most Quebecers support sovereignty.

But during a half-hour question

Bernard Landry

period, Landry met with stony silence, some hushed murmurings and polite disagreement when he tried to allay fears about separation, to mollify continued anger over Bill 178, and to convince this group of (mostly) Quebec anglophones that it was the "best protected minority on earth."

Robert Presser took exception to that notion, describing Landry's argument as "relativist" and maintaining that Bill 178 abrogated a basic right.

But Landry said Bill 178 amounted to nothing more than an irritant.

"Francophones elsewhere dream to have half of what you have here," he said. "One and only one right was deprived — to post commercial signs [in English]."

He said that anglophone Quebecers have no reason to feel insecure when surrounded by a continent of people speaking their language.

Perhaps years from now, he allowed, after French-Canada's future is secure, "linguistic legislation won't be as necessary."

One questioner — Bryna Garmaise — won applause after conveying the torment many feel about the prospect of Quebec leaving Canada.

But while voicing sympathy for such feelings, Landry said "flexibility and patience" have failed in trying to get a fair deal for Quebec and he maintained that citizens would still be able to use Canadian passports and currency.

Landry said Quebec will be independent within 36 months because polls show support for sovereignty "growing steadily" since the failure of the Meech Lake Accord — including among "most Quebec Liberals" — as well as strong indications that after the next federal election, the "overwhelming majority" of Quebecers in the House of Commons will be from the separatist Bloc Quebecois.

Landry envisaged such a state being a full and equal partner in GATT and part of the existing free-trade deal between the United States, Canada and Mexico.

After years of squabbling, both Quebec and Canada, finally, could thrive under such an arrangement and would [it] "not be a 'minus' or 'zero-sum' game — it would be a 'plus-plus' game," Landry said.

Stephen Hecht of AJCS raised the issue of how the "political uncertainty" under a sovereign Quebec would win the confidence of investors.

But Landry countered that Quebec's going its own way finally would end the uncertainty, not increase it.

"The next day [after separation], Quebec will rank 20th out of 200 nations in terms of GNP (Gross National Product)," he said.

Landry ridiculed Premier Robert Bourassa for not coming forward with concrete proposals for the province.

"His politics is not to say anything clearly. You can't guess what he has in mind when he probably has nothing in mind," Landry said.

In Landry's view, Bourassa will call an election instead of holding the planned October referendum.

Landry said the PQ will win such an election and will hold its own referendum, with "51 percent" enough to take Quebec out of Canada.

The PQ government's own referendum question will be concise and clear:

"Something like: 'Do you want an independent state?' " he said.

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Diamond moves to Bonds post

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Charles Diamond revels in having jumped from the frying pan into the fire.

A year ago, Diamond was Toronto's top Jewish communal lay leader, presiding over what was then known as Toronto Jewish Congress (now the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto), the city's central social service delivery, planning and funding organization.

Now, he's a paid professional, with lay leadership to answer to, as national executive director of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd. (State of Israel Bonds).

A self-made businessman, Diamond has a simple answer for anyone wondering why a *balabus* would become a worker bee.

"I like the Jewish community," responds the soft-spoken, 51-year-old former executive with the Thrifty's and Beaver Canoe apparel chains.

"It's one way for me to remain active, and I want to use my combination of business and lay experience to help build an awareness of Bonds."

Diamond replaces his predecessor, Julius Briskin, who retired last year after nine years in the top job. Briskin is also among the original founders of Bonds' Canadian board of directors.

And now, State of Israel Bonds is headquartered nationally in Toronto. Its move a few months ago from Montreal, where the Canadian Bonds organization was founded in 1953,

Charles Diamond

was another source of concern for many in the city's embattled and shrinking Jewish community.

Reasons for the move were not complex, Diamond says. Bank head offices are here and Toronto is, after all, now Canada's financial nerve centre. While selling Bonds may involve an emotional pitch, they are, in the final analysis, financial instruments, and the organization needs to be where the action is.

Diamond sees no big shake-ups in either the Toronto or Montreal office. Montreal will retain some national responsibilities, mainly in administration. Erol Araf recently took over from Lionel Segal as Montreal city director. Diamond envisions the Toronto office as lean but mean.

Diamond said he will also have to keep chipping away at the mistaken notion that Bonds are charity.

"Israel has never defaulted on a bond," he noted proudly. "Bonds are more than pushing down a tab on a card during the High Holidays. They're not just four percent [return] any more. They have political significance and they make George Bush aware that Jews are in it for the long haul."

Last year, Toronto Jews bought $16 million in Bonds, while worldwide sales reached a record $993 million. However, Canadian sales dipped to $75 million from $86 million the year before.

For this year, Diamond is shooting for $100 million in bond and note sales in Canada.

He's hoping that pension and endowment funds continue their generous Bond purchases. In the United States, fully 30 percent of Bond purchases are made by non-Jews, Diamond pointed out.

Diamond said he'll also try to forge new links with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and its Montreal counterpart, Allied Jewish Community Services, to discuss ways in which their fundraising campaigns can avoid overlap.

He'll also do more outreach to Jews in other Canadian cities and small communities, which have traditionally tallied surprisingly large Bond sales.

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Solidarity urged in fighting racism

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —
Racists are becoming more sophisticated and are "trying to become respectable," says Charan Gill, president of the British Columbia Organization to Fight Racism (BCOFR).

He cited former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke as an example of the racists who are striving for respectability and reaching out for high office. Duke is planning to run for U.S. president.

Speaking at a meeting of the local Joint Community Relations Council at the Jewish Community Centre, Gill, who resides in Vancouver, said minority groups must work together to fight racism. He said the racists attack one community at a time — the Jews, the Chinese, the Japanese, the East Indians — but all these groups must unite in fighting off the attacks.

"Conduct inter-racial workshops," he said. "Support racist victims in court if necessary. Tell the government directly how it can help — not the bureaucrats. Work for equality and justice and fairness."

He noted that Vancouver is well organized to do battle with racism and urged the Jews of Victoria to join with other ethnic groups to form a strong race relations committee. "Keep the racists running," he advised.

Reviewing the activities of the BCOFR, which was formed in 1980, he said it organized a successful campaign against the KKK which, at the time, was being organized in Vancouver by Duke. Sixteen thousand signatures were gathered to petition the civic and provincial governments to ban the Klan.

The BCOFR organized a coalition of over 50 organizations to monitor and prevent the sale of racist paraphernalia; organized race relations committees and developed anti-racist bylaws for municipalities; intervened in incidents of racism in schools in Vancouver; formed a coalition of community organizations "to support the struggle of foreign-trained doctors against discriminatory practices of the medical establishment."

Above all, said Gill, "we insist that the government, the police and the courts act to protect the rights of ethnic minorities."

Michael Peters, vice-president of the Jewish Community Centre of Victoria, said organizations in Victoria are in the process of forming a race relations committee.

The Victoria JCRC operates under the umbrella of the Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region.

Meeting with Justice Minister Kim Campbell, centre, are from left, Renee Bellas, Erwin Nest, Morris Soronow and Dr. Michael Elterman.

Action sought against racists

VANCOUVER —
Federal Justice Minister Kim Campbell told a delegation from Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region recently that she will urge the attorney general of British Columbia to do everything possible to apprehend and prosecute anybody involved in anti-Semitic and racist activities in the province.

Campbell, who is the member of Parliament for Vancouver Centre, said the B.C. attorney general is responsible for prosecutions in such cases and she will ask him to regard this as one of his top priorities. Colin Gabelman is the recently appointed provincial attorney general.

The Canadian Jewish Congress delegation, headed by regional chairman Dr. Michael Elterman, discussed a variety of topics with the minister of concern to the B.C. Jewish Community. These included national unity and constitutional reform, the plight of the Jews living in danger in Syria and parts of Europe previously governed by the U.S.S.R., immigration and family reunification. The delegation reported that there has been an apparent increase in anti-Semitic and racist incidents in the province.

Campbell promised to raise the matter of family reunification with the minister of immigration Bernard Valcourt, and will suggest the category of immigrant classification include special consideration of the violation of human rights in what was previously the Soviet Union.

In the matter of Syrian Jewry, she said that as a local member of Parliament she would add her support to the newly created Parliamentary committee on Syrian Jewry.

Campbell, in her capacity as Justice Minister, reaffirmed the personal commitment of the prime minister as well as the government's commitment to continue investigating all allegations of the presence of war criminals in Canada and the determination to prosecute those against whom sufficient evidence can be obtained.

She added that with the liberalization of Eastern Europe and areas previously governed by the Soviet Union, access to evidence has become more available as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding on this issue entered into with these counties by Canada.

She also said the government is considering the denaturalizing process, as was done in the Luitjens case, as a possible alternative to prosecution.

The minister said the federal War Crimes Unit has 300 cases under active investigation at the present time and sufficient funds have been allocated to ensure full investigation. She said that as in all major criminal investigations, there is no time limit in Canadian law.

Campbell noted that as a result of the recent enactment of war crimes legislation in such counties as Britain, Australia and New Zealand, inter-governmental investigations of war criminal is now possible.

Included in the delegation were Renee Bellas, CJC vice-chiarman and chairman of the region's Jewish Parliamentary affairs committee; Morris Soronow, chairman of the joint community relations committee's Nazi war criminals committee; and the regional CJC executive director, Erwin Nest.

Anti-Semitism on rise: BB

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
The incidence of anti-Semitism in Canada in 1991 was "slightly" above that in 1990, which in turn was higher than in any year since 1980.

This was disclosed recently by Marvin Kurz, central region co-chair of the League for Human Rights which makes an annual survey of anti-Semitism in Canada.

"The Gulf War brought people out of the closet who hate Jews," Kurz told a meeting at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagoguge sponsored by its adult education committee and the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada.

There is not enough evidence to make a decision on whether Preston Manning, leader of the Reform Party, is a racist, he said. "Manning has not done anything to suggest he is a racist," Kurz said. "Is it a racist party? Who knows? Manning is no David Duke, but the further right you go in the political spectrum you run into that kind of activity. The jury is very much out on the Reform Party."

Kurz, who has appeared as counsel in the Zundel and Keegstra prosecutions, said, "I have grave concerns that the Supreme Court will not hold up the false news section of the criminal code."

The popularity of David Duke, who attracted 700,000 votes for governor of Louisiana, is an ominous portent for Jewish people. "Duke is a frightening person. He is not a wolf in sheep's clothing, he is a wolf in a three-piece suit and button down collar. He is a chameleon."

The Ku Klux Klan is more active in Canada than in the past, he said, with new chapters in Winnipeg, Vancouver, Toronto and Quebec.

Ku Klux Klan member stands in front of cross

A danger of Duke's form of "gentrified racism" is that it creates an atmosphere in which it is openly acceptable to make anti-Semitic statements, he said.

Asserting that on the home front Jews must form alliances with other ethnic goups, he declared: "Racism is not foreign to the Jewish community."

This was the final lecture in a series of three on the topic, Hatred Revisited: International Perspectives on Racism and Anti-Semitism.

Among special guests were Ralph Snow, past president of B'nai Brith Canada and of the synagogue, Lorne Shipman, national project coordinator of the League for Human Rights and Paul Marcus, director of the Institute.

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Gandhi Award to Arafat upsets CJC

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) has expressed shock that the first Indira Gandhi Award for International Justice and Harmony has been bestowed on Yasser Arafat.

"We find it extraordinary that Indira Gandhi, who was murdered by terrorists, should have her name posthumously linked with the world's leading terrorist," CJC president Les Scheininger stated in a letter to G. Michael Mehra, High Commissioner for India in Ottawa.

Scheininger reminded the High Commissioner of Arafat's responsibility for murderous attacks on Israelis and Jews all over the world and emphasized that many lives have been lost as a result of PLO terrorism.

"In honoring Arafat, terrorism is being exalted," Scheininger stated. "India has a long and illustrious history in association with its Jewish community, many of whom have made distinguished contributions to its patrimony. Thus, we are particularly shocked by the decision to honor Arafat," he concluded.

The CJC president also asked that the contents of his letter be conveyed to the Government of India.

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Canadian Jewish Congress has also expressed disappointment and indignation upon learning that the City of Warsaw is planning to destroy the last remnant of the Warsaw Ghetto, namely "the Gate of Zelazna Nr. 63."

"The Gate symbolizes the valor of the Warsaw Ghetto fighters who went to their death heroically resisting the Nazi occupiers of Poland," CJC president Les Scheininger stated in a letter to Polish President Lech Walesa.

Scheininger asks Walesa to remember that in April 1993 the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising will be observed. "It would be inconceivable," notes the CJC leader, "that the 50th anniversary should coincide with the destruction of this precious remaining physical remnant of the Ghetto. We urge you to protect the Gate from being destroyed. Such an act would be consonant with the new relations between Poles and Jews to which we aspire."

CJC National Holocaust Remembrance Committee chairman Nathan Leipciger expressed his concern in a letter to Dr. Stanislaw Wyganowski, president of the City of Warsaw, emphasizing that the destruction of this historic gate would be an affront to the Jewish world community.

Leipciger feels this gate should not only be preserved, but restored as well. He suggests appropriate plaques be put up to designate the various historic locations such as Mila Nr. 18, which was immortalized by author Leon Uris.

Sobolewski speaks of Nazi horrors

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

"Jews understand me better than my wife and my sons," says Sigmund Sobolewski, a non-Jewish survivor of Auschwitz, who is fighting to let the world know the depth of the Jewish tragedy there.

In this mission, the 68-year-old practicing Roman Catholic has confronted Cardinal Joseph Glemp, neo-Nazis in Alberta, talked to a former Polish prime minister and recently he was in Toronto to speak to a conference of Hadassah-WIZO.

Sobolewski walks with the aid of a cane ("I slept on concrete for four months at Auschwitz") and is deaf in one ear as the result of an epidemic of meningitis at the camp. But the man who was a welder in the Alberta oil fields is still vigorous in body and spirit.

He and his wife, Ramona, a Cuban, operate a 12-room hotel and tavern in Fort Assiniboine, Alta., 200 mles north of Edmonton. Their youngest son, Vladimir, lives there too, while Emilio is in Calgary and Simon, the oldest, is a filmmaker who graduated from Concordia University, Montreal.

"It is Jews who understand what happened to me at Auschwitz, whether they are survivors or not," he said. "In my own small way I feel I bear a burden of the guilt for the injustices that have been perpetrated on the Jewish people. I want to bring about closer relations between the Polish people and Jews."

His topic for the speech to Hadassah-WIZO illustrates his ongoing concerns: "Does the Auschwitz Museum recognize the suffering of Jewish women?"

Sigmund Sobolewski returns to Auschwitz in 1985 with wife Ramona.

Sobolewski says he survived Auschwitz relatively unscathed. His father was an enemy of the Nazis and this is why he ended up there as a prisoner in the camp's early days. When Auschwitz was liberated, he made his way to England where he joined the Polish Navy. He came to Canada in 1949, working first in a fish plant in Nova Scotia and then as a welder for Toronto Iron Works in Toronto. Later he was in the real estate business in Toronto.

It was on a trip to Calgary to deliver a property deed to an engineer there, that Sobolewski fell in love with the west. "I came back to Toronto and we packed all our stuff in the truck and we left," he said.

"I love the big sky there. We have bears and deer in our parking lot. It's like living at a cottage all year round. There are no traffic lights in Fort Assiniboine which only has 211 people and no sidewalks."

Sobolewski's unusual mission in life is an expensive one, and one that drains his personal finances. His monthly telephone bill runs to $500-600 a month as he co-ordinates with people in Canada, the United States and overseas. His address is the Auschwitz Awareness Society, Box 45, Fort Assiniboine, Alta., T0G 1A0, (403) 584-3755.

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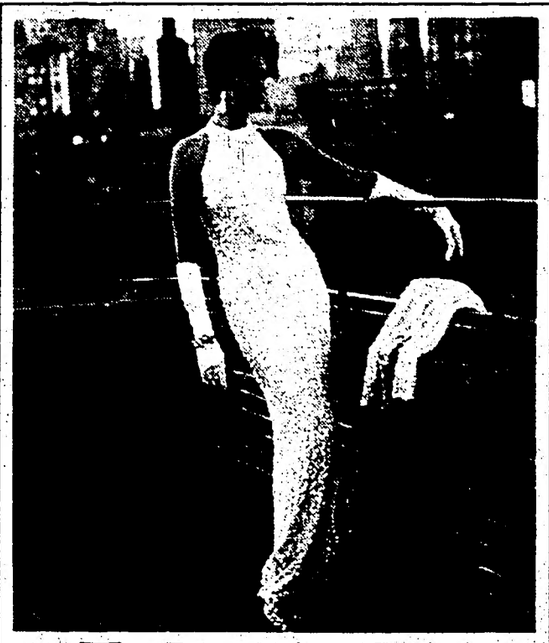

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Canada

Study finds more anti-Semitism in three Eastern provinces

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A recently-published survey of anti-Semitic attitudes in Canada found that, in 1984, when the data was collected, anti-Jewish sentiments were most prevalent in Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Quebec.

While only 14 percent of Canadians said they disliked Jews, that figure jumped to between 21 and 29 percent in the three Eastern provinces, the study found.

And in an item of data that may come as a surprise, Alberta, home to Aryan Nations leader Terry Long and former teacher Jim Keegstra, registered the lowest level of dislike for Jews at seven percent.

The study, titled *The Distribution of Anti-Semitism in Canada in 1984*, is authored by sociology professors Robert Brym of the University of Toronto and Rhonda Lenton of McMaster University.

It is based on a random sample of 3,377 Canadians conducted during the 1984 Canadian national election study. Among the many questions asked was one that requested that participants indicate their feelings towards Jews on a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 representing the most positive attitude, 0 the most negative and 50 a neutral one.

The authors state that in Canada as a whole, only nine percent of Protestants but more than twice as many Catholics admitted to disliking Jews.

The authors found "that it was mainly Catholics of French origin who accounted for the tendency of Catholics to be more anti-Semitic than Protestants. ... Ten percent of Catholics who spoke only English at home disliked Jews, four percent below the national figure for all Canadians. In contrast, 24 percent of Catholics who spoke only French at home displayed such attitudes, nearly twice the national figure."

The survey suggested two types of anti-Semitism in Quebec. The first "was stimulated by the anti-Jewish preachings of the Catholic Church." The other "secular form" is tied to the "political self-perception" of Quebecois. "Twenty-six percent of right-wing Quebecois and 21 percent of left-wing Quebecois expressed negative attitudes towards Jews," the survey found.

Only 13 percent of those who put themselves in the political centre reported such attitudes.

Brym said he believes the survey provides an accurate gauge of attitudes towards Jews and that its findings are all the more credible since the question asked of the respondents did not suggest a response.

Previous surveys of anti-Semitic attitudes, in which Quebecois were found to harbor more negative feelings to Jews than other Canadians, were criticized for presenting substantially different questions in English and French.

Brym said the 1984 study gives an accurate snapshot of attitudes to Jews broken down by religion, geographic location, class, socio-economic status and education.

The lower down the socio-economic ladder you go, the more likely you are to find anti-Semitic attitudes, the study found. "Over a quarter of Canadians with less than a Grade 9 education disliked Jews. As educational attainment increased, the proportion of people who disliked Jews declined, falling to seven percent among college graduates.

"Similarly, more anti-Semitism was associated with low family income."

Brym said that while social class and education are greater determinants than religion in anti-Semitic attitudes and that those sentiments should decrease as education increases, Quebec could present an exception.

Quebecois consistently showed higher levels of anti-Semitism at all education levels, the study showed. University-educated Quebecois were, at 14 percent, twice as likely as other university-educated Canadians to display anti-Semitic feelings.

Journalist Jean-Francois Lisee, a writer with *L'Actualite* magazine, said he believed Brym and Lenton's overall findings are sound and point to the need to counter anti-Semitic attitudes in Quebec. But Lisee, who has had a running dispute on the issue with columnist William Johnson of *The Montreal Gazette*, said the study also considered and rejected the hypothesis that Quebec nationalism fostered the anti-Jewish feelings.

(In an Oct. 2, 1991 article, Johnson wrote that "this nationalist preoccupation has often been at odds with defending minorities." And on Jan. 10, 1992, Johnson, referring to the Brym/Lenton study's examination of language and anti-Semitic attitudes, suggested that Lisee "should have a second look at the evidence. Quebec needs the truth more than a whitewash.")

In a telephone interview, Lisee told *The CJN* that the report found that people who voted "yes" (in favor of sovreignty-association) in the 1980 referendum were slightly less likely than "no" voters to be anti-Semitic.

(The report also found no difference between Liberal and Parti Quebecois voters in anti-Semitic attitudes, both registering at 25 percent.)

Lisee said he believes that while religion is one engine driving anti-Semitic attitudes, a more significant one is language. Quebecois outside of Montreal perceive Jews as anglophones and some hostility may result from that, he said.

Prof. Michael Marrus, author of *The Holocaust in History*, said anti-Jewish sentiments seem to be following a downward curve over time, only briefly interrupted by "blips" in rising negative attitudes and a few high profile anti-Semitic incidents.

"Broadly speaking, Quebec society is unsure of itself and its ability to maintain itself," he said. Such societies become more defensive and aggressive versus other groups.

The province has accentuated nationalism and feels itself on the defensive in recent years and as a result, "minorities must beware."

York University history professor Irving Abella said he believes the attitude in Quebec to Jews "has over the past 25 years become more positive," though "we're coming from a very base level."

The "institutional anti-Semitism" that prevented Jews from obtaining certain jobs and advancing in their professions has virtually disappeared, though there is still a reservoir of deep-seated hostility, he said.

Some of that is due to the importance of the church in the province and "the residue of its teaching."

The Catholic Church was chary of things that seemed foreign to Quebec society, such as Jews, liberalism and modernism. But that attitude too is changing, he added.

Jew-haters from outer space?

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

And now, there are anti-Semitic messages literally from out of this world!

A new book is being peddled here and in Vancouver telling us that the "great deceiver, Satan," has pulled off the "greatest deception ever on this planet by using the Jews as his main characters, with Zionism as their cover."

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Two of the people who are receiving the messages are George and Desiree Green, of Tehachapi, Calif., who were scheduled to speak in Vancouver on Jan. 24 and in Victoria on Jan. 25.

The talks by George and Desiree Green, who are billed as "publishers of the controversial *Phoenix Journals*," have been promoted as a UFO Conference — to find out "what's really going on regarding the new world order, the economic crisis, the UFO 'cover-up,' spiritual transition of Man, the Russian Hoax" and other topics.

The promotion flyer for the talks describes a new book release, *Destruction of a Planet — Zionism is Racism*, by Gveorgos Ceres Hatonn. In the book, according to the brochure, Hatonn "reveals" that Satan has arranged for many of his henchmen to change their names "so they could hide their Jew heritage so as to better play their game of deception."

Says the brochure: "They lied to you about the cause and reasons for most wars so they could gain their goal of the New World Order, which they fail to tell you is their plan to rule the world with total control and an iron fist."

Hatonn "warns" that Satan's Jews use computers "to keep track of every detail of your lives and you will neither work, buy, sell or travel without their permission . . . They will continue to kill off those who they do not want through man-created or man-enhanced diseases such as AIDS, flu, etc., man-created disasters of droughts, wars, floods, earthquakes and volcanoes."

Says the brochure: "Hatonn keeps us updated on all important events whether our controlled press publicizes them or not."

And oh yes. "The book informs us how the Germans, under Hitler, worked with the Zionist Jews. It is important to know the difference between the Sephardi Jew and the Zionist Jew for the Zionists are continuing to eliminate the Sephardi Jew after stealing their heritage."

Sandy Green (no relation to George and Desiree) who is office manager for the company that publishes the Greens' material, told a reporter from the *Victoria Times Colonist* "it's not the Jews that are the problem. It's the Zionists that are the problem." She added that the space aliens are now warning humanity that the world is on the verge of a "big change." And that's the change the Greens talk about.

A brochure from L&L Distributors, 2614 Bridge St., Victoria, V8T 4S9, says "we currently have 40 *Phoenix Journals* to choose from (with more coming)." The firm offers a starter kit which includes four books and a newspaper subscription for $68 (regular $82).

America West Publishers handles the *Phoenix Journals* for the Greens. The firm is based in California and Sandy Green's phone number is listed as (800) 729-4131.

Spector breaks External's barrier

By
RON CSILLAG and
PAUL LUNGEN

OTTAWA —

Canada's new ambassador to Israel says there is "no doubt" the department of External Affairs had a policy of excluding Jews from high-level diplomatic postings to the Jewish state.

And Norman Spector, this country's first Jewish ambassador to Israel, says Prime Minister Brian Mulroney took "great delight" in breaking that "barrier" when he named Spector to the job last month.

Spector, a 42-year-old Montreal native, told *The CJN* last week in a telephone interview that after conversations he has had with officials at External "at the highest level, there is no doubt in my mind — there is no doubt — whether it was unwritten or written, that there has been a practice of Jews not [being posted] to Tel Aviv."

He said in Mulroney's mind, in making the appointment, "there was such a policy in practice."

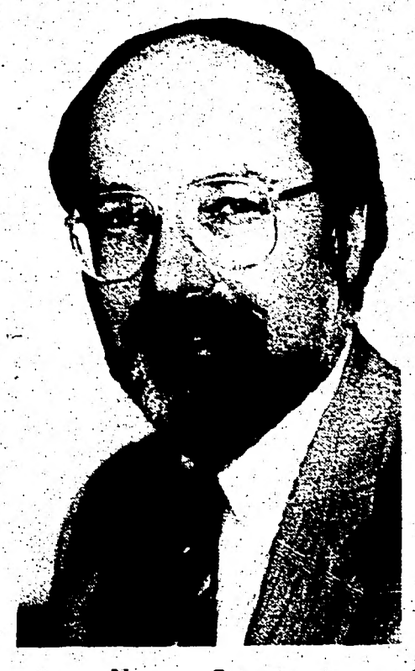
He termed the policy "invidious" and said it should never have existed.

But he conceded that his appointment contained "an element of affirmative action."

Spector added that a policy of excluding Jews is not limited to External Affairs. He mentioned the matter of Canadian peacekeeping troops in the Middle East. Canada has had a policy of excluding from those troops members of certain religions, as well as women, when they are posted to some Mideast nations.

B'nai Brith Canada is challenging that policy in Federal Court.

Meanwhile, a 20-year veteran of External Affairs believes an "insidious" unwritten practice discouraging Jews from applying for postings in Israel or Arab countries is part of the "clubby" political culture of the ministry.



Norman Spector

"It's a diluted version of none is too many," foreign service officer Aharon Mayne told *The CJN* in a telephone interview.

Referring to the policy of "none is too many," which excluded Jews from immigrating to Canada during World War II, Mayne said he believed the institutional culture at External Affairs still excludes Jews from certain postings.

Mayne, who outlined his concerns in a letter to the *Toronto Star* in the wake of Spector's appointment, said that "for as long as I can remember, Jewish officers in External Affairs. . . have been made to know that they need not apply for a position at our embassy in Tel Aviv."

Shortly after he joined the department in 1972, he was told by an officer "of Germanic extraction who has represented Canada in Austria and West Germany" that he should forget about serving in Tel Aviv.

On another occasion when he suggested that he might study Arabic in the expectation of being posted to an Arab-speaking country, "they laughed at me. It's an illustration of the culture here," he said.

"The more visible you are as a minority in the department, there are constraints on what you can do and how you can fit into the entrenched clubbiness in this department," he said.

Ian Kagedan, director of government relations for B'nai Brith Canada (BBC), said he received about eight calls from Jews employed at External Affairs after *BBC* took the Department of National Defence (DND) to court two years ago for denying Jews and Muslims postings in Mideast peacekeeping units.

Kagedan said he was told that the "spirit that informs DND and promotes that policy comes out of the political arm of External Affairs and is worse there."

Kagedan said some of those who called him declined to give their names out of concern for negative repercussions to their careers should they ever become known.

Some of those who called him said they were told by supervisors when they inquired about a posting to Tel Aviv that " 'it'll never happen.' "

They were similarly dissuaded from studying Arabic, being told that they would never be posted to an Arab-speaking country, so " 'why do you need it?' "

Kagedan said some also reported "the insinuation that had to do with dual loyalty," especially when the case of Jonathan Pollard was given prominent treatment in the media. (Pollard was a U.S. intelligence officer convicted of spying for Israel). Jewish External Affairs employees "were made to feel there was a doubt in their own loyalty," Kagedan reported.

Mayne said an executive-level employee recently asked him why he would want to be posted in Israel and what he would do if Israel adopted a policy contrary to Canada's. Mayne noted, however, that Canada's recently-appointed ambassador to Ukraine is of Ukrainian origin.

Commenting on the allegations he heard, Kagedan said "in this circumstance, the dynamic is a very negative dynamic. It's the dynamic of discrimination."

Kagedan noted that Canada's Middle East policy is developed by many of those who hold these views about Jews. "In that context, all these subtle little factors are relevant, because people are people. What's most troubling is that within the culture of External Affairs is the thought that Jews can't be fully Canadian."

Mayne said that the source of these views is the political arm of External, not its immigration and trade department.

He said that since he wrote his letter about two weeks ago, three people confirmed to him that they were discouraged from even applying for a posting to Israel. He said he has also received sympathy from fellow non-Jewish employees "in the middle ranks."

They are happy he wrote the letter to the editor, he said, pointing out that the internal operations of the department are not always consistent with External Affairs' stance on international human rights issues.

An External spokesman was unavailable for comment.

50 Years Ago ...a look back

TYPHUS-STRICKEN JEWS TO BE SHOT

LONDON, Jan. 9, 1942 (JTA) —

An official order approving the execution of typhus-stricken Jews in Nazi-occupied territories has been issued by Berlin to the Nazi administration in Poland, the Baltic countries and the Ukraine. The order provides that Jews showing any symptoms of epidemic diseases should be shot, especially in places where there are no ghettos. All their belongings are to be destroyed at once, the order specifies.

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CAMPAIGN AGAINST JEWS IN FAR EAST

ZURICH, Jan. 15, 1942 (JTA) —

A campaign for the extermination of Jews in the Far East was proclaimed today by the Japanese General Shoitou, according to a report broadcast by the German radio stations. Explaining the reason for this campaign, the Japanese general is quoted as stating to the Japanese press that the Jews in the far East are as dangerous to Japan's interest as are the United States and Great Britain.

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JEWISH PRISONERS ON SOVIET FRONT SHOT

LONDON, Jan. 27, 1942 (JTA) —

Jewish soldiers in the Soviet armies are being shot by the German military command when taken prisoner, it was reported by Polish official circles.

The report states that Jewish soldiers and political commissars of the Red Army are executed as soon as they reach the war prisoners' camps. Every prisoner, when arriving in camp, is asked whether he is Jewish. Those classified as Jews are stripped of their boots, clothing and underwear and executed.

Ukrainians and Muslims are accorded special treatment, while Russians are treated with the utmost brutality and kept on a hunger-diet of a hundred grams of bread daily with some soup occasionally.

The roads in the neighborhood of the camps, the Polish report states, are filled with bodies of executed Jewish war prisoners.

In many cases the Jewish war prisoners are ordered by the camp authorities to run barefoot in deep snow from the camps to open fields, where they are shot under the pretext that they were trying to escape. In the camp near Lublin, a group of Soviet-Jewish war prisoners was stripped naked and machine-gunned by the guards.

In the city of Zamosc, Poles were driven frantic by the cries of Jewish war prisoners tortured at a camp established at the outskirts of the city.

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NAZIS ADMIT EXECUTIONS

STOCKHOLM , Jan. 30, 1942 (JTA) —

Attempting to justify their killing of Jewish war prisoners, the Nazis in a radio broadcast today from Berlin alleged that "Jewish units from Biro-Bidjan now fighting on the Crimean front are ignoring the rules of civilized warfare and shooting wounded Germans."

The Nazi broadcast also asserted that Jewish guerrillas are sniping at German soldiers. In the Minsk district Nazi military units are still being attacked by Jewish guerrillas, the broadcast said.

The Moscow radio today reported that hundreds of bodies of frozen Jews whom the Nazis drove to the Soviet front for compulsory labor are being found every day by the advancing Russian troops. The retreating Nazi soldiers are robbing the Jews of their clothes and leaving the bodies naked, the Soviet broadcast stated.

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PRAYER SHAWLS KEEP GERMANS WARM

LISBON, Jan. 30, 1942 (JTA) —

German soldiers on the Russian front are now using Jewish prayer shawls to protect themselves from the frost, it was reported here.

The report said that Nazi authorities in Poland ordered all Jews there to surrender their woollen prayer shawls for the use of the German troops on the Soviet front. The death penalty is provided for those not complying with the order.

Expecting a further retreat of the Nazi armies, the German military command ordered the deportation of all Jewish inhabitants from Stolpce, a town on the former Polish-Russian front near Minsk.

South African leaders back reforms

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

South Africans of all political stripes, as well as representatives of the business community, are optimistic that the country's deep-seated political problems are on their way to a resolution as the apartheid system is removed, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) president Les Scheininger reported recently.

But business people strongly urged that sanctions, which played a major role in pushing the country to dismantling apartheid, should be lifted so that South Africa can develop better educational, social service and economic opportunities, he added.

Scheininger, who visited South Africa last October as a guest of the Jewish community and business leaders, said "business people, with the exception of representatives of the Conservative Party, and all political leaders displayed to me a positive motivation towards change and supported the changes that have already been introduced."

In a report recently prepared by the CJC president, he noted that sanctions along with "key domestic pressure" were instrumental in opposing "the gross injustice, inhumanity and oppression which victimized the black population under apartheid."

The country's Jewish community, estimated at about 100,000, has supported the ending of apartheid and it welcomes the recent changes in South Africa, Scheininger said. "At this point, they are viewing the situation with cautious optimism and with a sense of uncertainty about the future."

Individual Jews and various organizations have taken a role in pushing for change, he said. Prospective teachers at the FUNDA Centre in the black township of Soweto were being trained in an educational method developed in Israel that was introduced to South Africa by the Union of Jewish Women.

Scheininger said he attended a meeting with two representatives of the ORT Organization of Israel (which is involved in technical training) and a member of the African National Congress (ANC). Though the discussion focused on a proposed education pilot project, "I noted a lack of enthusiasm on the part of the ANC representative. It was his position that meaningful steps to reform the educational system could not take place until there was a resolution of the political issues [in] South Africa."

In another meeting, ANC representatives supported the nationalist aspirations of the Jewish people, but were also supportive of the Palestinians, Scheininger said. Scheininger said he conveyed his concern to them over pro-PLO statements made by ANC leader Nelson Mandela.

Representatives of the Inkatha Freedom Party, unlike their counterparts in the ANC, favored the lifting of sanctions, Scheininger said, and supported "good ties" with Israel.

The CJC president, who met with a broad cross-section of South Africans, said he was impressed with the positive reporting on Israel in the local press as well as the "positive feelings" towards the Jewish state by various political representatives.

Scheininger's report was distributed to members of the South African Jewish community, to External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall and to the foreign ministry of South Africa.

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World

Nosair's sentence upsets JDL

NEW YORK (JTA) —

While mainstream Jewish groups expressed their satisfaction with the maximum sentence imposed last week on the man acquitted of killing Rabbi Meir Kahane, the grassroots, extremist followers of the Jewish Defence League founder are as furious as ever.

El Sayyid Nosair was convicted Dec. 21 of shooting two men and commandeering a taxi on Nov. 5, 1990, following Kahane's assassination. But the jury acquitted him of firing the shots that killed the rabbi, a verdict that left legal experts puzzled and that presiding Judge Alvin Schlesinger described as "against the weight of what I consider the overwhelming evidence."

Saying that Nosair "brought to our streets a wave of terror," the judge sentenced the Egyptian-born American citizen to 7 1/3 to 22 years in prison. Including time already served, this would make him eligible for parole in early 1998.

While mainstream Jewish organizations could not fault the sentencing court, they were clearly not ready to accept as final Nosair's acquittal on

El Sayyid Nosair

the charge of murdering Kahane. The Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York plan to press their determination to have the U.S. Justice Department investigate the possibility of filing civil rights charges against Nosair.

Meanwhile, the fractious followers of Kahane say they will mete out what they described, in a noisy protest before Manhattan's Supreme Court, as the "Torah justice" of an eye for an eye. Rabbi Binyamin Ze'ev Kahane, son of the former Knesset member and head of one of the groups competing for his father's mantle, has made explicit death threats to Nosair, while representatives of other groups have been only slightly more coy.

Supporters of Nosair say he was the victim of an injustice. An active Muslim who, according to his attorneys, has converted 30 fellow inmates at Rikers Island prison to the faith, Nosair maintained his innocence in a presentencing statement.

Nosair, who did not take the stand in his own defence, enraged Kahane followers in the gallery when he expressed condolences to those wounded that night and to their families, including the family of the slain rabbi.

"Death to Nosair! Death to Arab dogs!" shouted one Kahane follower before being removed from the court.

Comparing his prosecution to that faced by "all prophets found in history," Nosair further invited Kahane's family to visit him and discuss religion.

In the courtroom, as throughout the trial, spectators were divided: On one side of the aisle followers of the rabbi, on the other, supporters of Nosair.

Stressing "the vitality of our system of law," Schlesinger preceded the sentence with an implicit rebuke of both factions in the audience, warning that the sort of animosity and hatred that was the subject of the case "ultimately ends in destruction and consumes the object of that hate."

Until the end, flamboyant chief defence attorney William Kunstler maintained his barrage of motions and argument, a virtuoso performance that observers say outclassed the prosecution team and led to the acquittal.

Following the sentencing, both Kahane followers and the Islamic Leadership Council, a group organized by the Islamic religious authorities of the New York metropolitan region, staged loud but well-separated demonstrations amid 200 policeman.

Placards declaring "Death to Nosair" were matched by those saying "Zionism is Racism" and "Fear Allah, Fear Nosair."

Mohammed Mehdi, secretary-general of the National Council on Islamic Affairs, repeated the defence position that Kahane was a victim of a Jewish conspiracy and offered a $10,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of "Kahane's actual killer."

"He was an embarrassment to Israel because he talked facts as they were," said Mehdi, who had debated Kahane several times.

FRIENDLY TALKS

Pope John Paul II greets Rabbi Arthur Schneier of New York, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation. Rabbi Schneier, who is the senior rabbi of Manhattan's Park East Synagogue, said his talk with the Pope and meetings with high church officials covered a wide range of matters, including religious freedom, tolerance and Mideast issues.

Pollsters gearing up for June 23 election

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

With elections now firmly set for June 23, Israel's ever-busy pollsters are trying to predict their outcome, with results that are, as usual, confusing.

The Tazpit Research Institute concentrated on immigrants from the former Soviet Union, who constitute a huge bloc of new voters.

These newcomers will account for at least 10 Knesset seats on election day. But support for the formation of a new immigrants party has fallen from 53 percent to 32 percent since last April, the pollsters found.

According to Tazpit, the left is gaining ground among immigrants from the former Soviet Union who were thought mostly to hold right-wing attitudes if only because of their experiences with communism.

Although a 35 percent plurality said they would vote for the right-wing parties — Likud, Tsomet, Tehiya and Moledet — support for the left was up to 30 percent from 21 percent last April.

The left-wing parties include Labor, the Center-Shinui Movement, Mapam and the Citizens Rights Movement.

But while a larger number of immigrants seem to support the right wing, a greater number now indicate they are willing to trade territory for peace, a policy opposed by the Israeli right, according to an analysis of the poll by Tazpit's Aharon Fein.

The wild card for both major parties among former Soviet Jews is the growing number of undecideds. Compared to 29 percent last April, 34 percent of the respondents in January said they had not made up their minds on whom to support.

One nearly unanimous trend is away from the religious parties, which have been trying to recruit immigrants through a campaign of "spiritual absorption." The Tazpit poll found that the four percent who supported the religious parties last April has dwindled to one percent now.

The poll was conducted by telephone among 600 immigrants who arrived in Israel since September 1989. They were selected at random from a list of 5,500 immigrants whom Tazpit pollsters had previously interviewed in person.

Meanwhile, the Statistical Advisory Unit of Haifa University disclosed the results of a poll among Labor Party members which showed Shimon Peres to be more popular than his rival for party leadership, Yitzhak Rabin.

That result contradicts the findings of other polls and the opinions of most political commentators.

Syrian jail sentence upheld

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Syrian authorities have upheld the 6½-year jail sentence handed last May to the Swed brothers, the last two Jews imprisoned in the country.

Eli Swed and his brother Selim were arrested in November 1987 on undisclosed charges. They spent 3½ years in jail awaiting their hearing.

Last May 21, an in camera tribunal sentenced them to a total of 6½ years, meaning they could be freed in just under two years.

It was widely hoped in Syria's embattled 4,300-member Jewish community that the Sweds' sentence would be commuted by President Hafez Assad, who released hundreds of prisoners following his "re-election" in December.

But recent word from Damascus reported that the brothers' sentence was "confirmed" by authorities.

"It just gets more and more tragic," says Judy Feld Carr, chairman of the National Task Force for Syrian Jews. "What I'm hearing [from Syria] is extremely sad."

The Sweds have never been formally charged and their fate lies squarely with Assad, not with the courts, Carr pointed out.

Eli, a 30-year-old bachelor, and Selim, a 49-year-old father of seven, languish in the notorious Adra prison in Damascus, from which few prisoners emerge alive, she added.

After the brothers' sentencing in May, at which their lawyer was not allowed to present a defence, Assad offered a 15-day period during which pleas for clemency were heard.

The Canadian Embassy in Damascus asked Assad to reconsider the sentence on humanitarian grounds.

In late November, four Jewish men were released from Syrian prisons for no stated reason.

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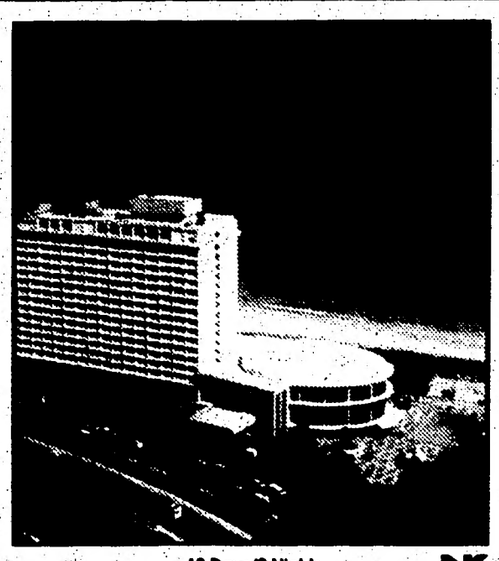

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The News In Brief

Olim learn about Judaism

TEL AVIV — Israel's Ministry of Religious Affairs is making a major effort to instruct new immigrants in the ritual and spiritual aspects of Judaism.

It has spent nearly $700,000 on religious books and articles distributed free to immigrants in the last 18 months, according to the National Religious Party's newspaper, *Hatzofeh*.

The Bibles, prayerbooks and booklets explaining the Jewish holidays have been printed in Russian and Amharic, the language spoken by Ethiopians.

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Israel signs trade pact

GENEVA — Israel signed the first of a series of free trade accords here with representatives of the European Foreign Trade Association, a group of five small nations that are not members of the European Community.

The agreement calls for a reduction of tariffs, effective July 1, between Israel and the EFTA countries. They are Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland.

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Havel upset over tanks sale

PRAGUE — President Vaclav Havel has warned his countrymen that the continued export of heavy weapons to countries like Syria poses a serious danger to Czechoslovakia.

But his remarks, while they may have pleased Israel and its supporters, brought Havel closer to a showdown with Slovak nationalists advocating a separate state.

Havel was referring to the shipment of 250 T-72 tanks to Syria despite earlier promises by Czech leaders that such exports would stop.

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Eyewitnesses implicate Nazi

BONN — More eyewitness evidence was presented last week that Nazi war criminal Josef Schwammberger personally shot inmates of the concentration camps and ghettos in Poland that he commanded during World War II.

The 79-year-old former SS officer on trial in Stuttgart has been charged with directly killing 55 Jews and complicity in the murders of thousands of others.

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Jewish film not entered

LOS ANGELES — Germany has failed to enter a German-produced Holocaust-theme film, *Europa, Europa*, for Academy Award consideration, despite praise by American and international critics for the unusual film about a Jew who survives the war among German army ranks.

The refusal has astonished and enraged the film's writer and director, Agnieska Holland, as well as the Hollywood movie colony.

Europa, Europa is said to be a true story, based on the wartime experience of Solomon Perel, now 65 and living in Israel.

Perel survived the Holocaust by hiding his Jewish identity in Poland and ended up fighting in the German army and attending an elite school for "Hitler Youth."

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U.S. citizenship stripped

NEW YORK — A Florida man who allegedly was a member of a Lithuanian mobile killing unit during World War II has been stripped of his U.S. citizenship.

Antanas Mineikis was alleged to have participated in Nazi-sponsored acts of persecution while a member of the 12th Lithuanian Auxiliary Security Police Battalion, or Schutzmannschaft, during the war.

The Schutzmannschaft were armed battalions controlled and aided by the Nazis that engaged in mass killings between 1941 and 1942, in which thousands of Jews, Soviet prisoners of war and others were killed in Lithuania and Byelorussia.

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Jewish archives found

AMSTERDAM — The long-lost archives of Dutch Jewish institutions seized by the Nazis during their occupation of Holland in World War II have been discovered in Moscow, where their return has been promised.

They now repose in the so-called "special archives" established in Moscow in 1945 to contain material retrieved from the Nazis. Originally stored in Berlin, it was moved to Poland and Czechoslovakia in 1943 to escape Allied bombings. The archives had long been given up for lost.

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Racial violence spreads

GENEVA — Racial violence and attacks on foreigners seeking asylum, which have become commonplace in Germany, seem to have crossed the Swiss border.

Racist incidents here are on the increase. Last month, shots were fired at a refugee hostel in Lausanne. A young woman was attacked after leaving Friday services at a synagogue in Basel.

The Jewish community there has asked for police protection, especially because Basel is just across the border from Germany and open to infiltration.

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Palestinians executed

JERUSALEM — Four Palestinians were found dead on a roadside leading into a village near the West Bank town of Jenin, apparent victims of an execution squad which claimed they were informers, Palestinian sources said.

Masked youths identified with The Revolutionary Security Apparatus, linked with Fatah, the largest PLO grouping, took responsibility for the killings, Palestinian sources said.

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Thumbs down on West Bank

TEL AVIV — Despite the availability of cheaper, more spacious housing in the West Bank, fewer than one per cent of householders in the Greater Tel Aviv area, Israel's most densely populated region, would consider moving there, according to a new survey.

About 20 per cent cited the West Bank's uncertain political future as the main reason they do not want to live there, while 18 per cent said it was "too far from the centre." Another 15 per cent said the West Bank was "too far from work."

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Neo-Nazi deported

BONN — A 57-year-old neo-Nazi activist, Karl Polacek, has been deported to his native Austria. He is believed to be the first neo-Nazi Germany has ever expelled to Austria.

Polacek had been living in Gottingen for the past 15 years. His ouster was ordered as a result of a mounting number of convictions for illegal activities, which he had been warned several times could lead to his expulsion.

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PFLP gang busted

JERUSALEM — A terror gang affiliated with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine was recently uncovered in Jerusalem.

Some 16 youths from the Beit Hanina and Shuafat neighborhoods in north Jerusalem who allegedly belonged to the gang were arrested in their homes during raids.

Eight of the suspected gang members have admitted to torching cars as well as firebomb and rock attacks on buses in East Jerusalem, police said.

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Luitjens faces life

THE HAGUE — Jacob Luitjens faces a life sentence if returned to his native Holland. Canadian authorities are studying an extradition request for the former Vancouver botany instructor, who was convicted by a Dutch tribunal in 1948 for collaborating with the Nazis.

Victor Hultes, a spokesman for the Dutch Justice Ministry, told *The Globe and Mail* that Luitjens would be sent directly to prison if he is returned to Holland. Luitjens could appeal to the government for clemency and release, he added.

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Settlers plan more homes

JERUSALEM — Settlers plan to soon enter several more homes in the East Jerusalem village of Silwan and are finalizing plans to build over 200 units on a large plot bordering the village.

However, only five of the original 14 Jewish families who last month moved into five buildings in the village continue to live there.

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Less crime among olim

JERUSALEM — The crime rate among new immigrants is substantially lower than among veteran Israelis, and it's a "myth" to think otherwise, says top police official.

Commander Gabi Nagel, police chief of staff, said that between 1989 and 1991 — when about 410,000 immigrants arrived — just over 3,500 criminal files were opened against some 2,680 immigrants. This translates into six files for every 1,000 immigrants, as opposed to 22 files opened for every 1,000 veteran Israelis, he said.

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India to establish ties

TEL AVIV — India has agreed to upgrade diplomatic relations with Israel to the ambassadorial level.

India extended de facto recognition to Israel in 1951, when both countries were newly independent. But it refused to establish normal diplomatic ties with the Jewish state.

That policy was attributed to India's desire not to antagonize its huge Muslim minority.

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IDF worried about suicides

TEL AVIV — The Israel Defence Force is seriously concerned about the suicide rate among soldiers.

Seven have taken their lives since Jan. 1, bringing to 37 the total suicides in the armed forces during the current statistical year, which ends on March 31.

Maj.-Gen. Ran Goren said each case of suicide in the IDF is investigated. It turns out that most stem from family or personal problems and very few are service-related, such as an inability to adjust to army life., he said.

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Holocaust denier can sue

LOS ANGELES — A federal appeals court has ruled that two Jewish organizations can be sued for preventing a Holocaust revisionist from speaking at a conference.

The court ruled in favor of the late David McCalden, saying he could have sued two Jewish groups that intervened to prevent his addressing a librarians convention 1984.

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World

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An Arab resident and a leftist religious Jew plant an olive tree in the village of Silwan in Arab East Jerusalem to commemorate Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish new year of the trees Jan. 30. [RNS photo/Reuters]

Loans for absorption, Shamir tells Bonds

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has promised that money Israel borrows through U.S.-guaranteed loans will be earmarked exclusively for the absorption of immigrants, not building settlements in the territories.

Shamir's remarks to leaders of the State of Israel Bonds Prime Minister's Mission here were clearly intended to mollify the U.S. administration and American public opinion.

The Bush administration has been adamantly opposed to Israel's settlement-building program, which it considers an obstacle to peace, and refuses to underwrite it, directly or indirectly.

Secretary of State James Baker had called for a freeze of settlement-building in return for the loan guarantees.

Shamir fell short of making any such commitment. He said instead that Israel "must clarify to American public opinion clearly and strongly" that it is not seeking grants from the United States but merely guarantees, to help it negotiate commercial loans at reasonable rates.

These guarantees will not cost the American taxpayers one penny, he maintained.

He urged the Bonds leaders to continue to raise funds for aliyah. There are still many immigrants to absorb, he said, and absorption costs are very high.

Temporary residents regain financial rights

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

The A-1 temporary resident status is back.

MK Michael Kleiner, chairman of the Knesset immigration and absorption committee, said that the government's decision to do away with many of the rights given temporary residents has been reversed.

Kleiner said that the Finance Ministry has decided to push off any changes in the A-1 status until April, in order to give aliya emissaries time to inform potential immigrants.

From April, the only changes will be that temporary residents will no longer be able to take out preferred mortgages or buy a tax-free car. The other rights traditionally given temporary residents, including rent subsidies, customs waivers, and six monthss free health insurance, will continue. A temporary resident does not have to serve in the army and cannot vote.

The reversal, confirmed by a Finance Ministry spokesman, was criticized by Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz. He said rights should not be given to temporary residents because thousands of immigrants will take advantage of them costing the Treasury millions of shekels without making a firm commitment to the state. Peretz said this situation prevents the immigrants from "becoming firmly rooted here."

According to Absorption Ministry officials, the government decided to change the A-1 benefits because it was concerned that immigrants from the former Soviet Union would come in under this status by the thousands.

But now, Kleiner said, the government realizes that these immigrants will not take this option, since they would then be ineligible for the basket of services which is absolutely necessary for most of them to get a start here.

The Western immigrant societies applauded the decision. "It is a step in the right direction, a way to bring normality back to a chaotic situation," said Maurice Singer, deputy managing director of the British Olim Society.

He speculated that the reason for the reversal was the government's realization of the damage the change was having on immigration from the West. He said the aliya apparatus in the West has been in a state of "utter confusion" since the government decided to change the status in September.

Adina Ben-Chorin, national absorption chairman for the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, was "pleased that after all the lobbying, the government finally woke up."

But she was very critical of the whole decision-making process behind canceling A-1 rights, saying that from the outset it was unclear what the change entailed and who it affected.

Michael Kleiner

Falas Mora yearn for Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

About 3,000 Falas Mora — Ethiopian Jews who converted to Christianity — still live in Addis Ababa under deplorable conditions.

Nothing sustains their hope for the future but a stubborn determination to go to Israel, according to Barbara Ribakove Gordon, executive director of the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry, who recently returned from Ethiopia.

These people — whose claim to Jewishness is questioned by both Israeli and Ethiopian authorities — share a historical affinity with the Marranos, the crypto-Jews of the Iberian Peninsula in the 15th century.

They say either they or their forefathers were forced to convert from Judaism to Christianity. But they were left out of Operation Solomon, the 24-hour airlift that brought more than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel last March.

Now, far from their original homes and without decent job prospects, they exist in limbo, awaiting word from Israel that they are welcome and word from the Ethiopian authorities that they can leave.

The Israelis have not decided whether to accept the Falas Mora as Jews. They must be carefully scrutinized by Israel's religious establishment to determine whether they meet the strictly Orthodox criteria of who is a Jew.

To be admitted to Israel under the Law of Return, one must be unquestionably Jewish. But other immigrants may gain admission on the principle of family reunification.

The new Ethiopian government, though much more liberal with exit permits than its predecessor, the Marxist regime of Mengistu Haile Mariam, remains suspicious of organizations it thinks might proselytize its people.

The North American Conference and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, meanwhile, try their best to help the destitute.

They provide the Falas Mora with modest financial aid, food rations and basic health services.

In addition to the Falas Mora, there are still some 4,000 Jews living in Ethiopia, mostly in the Quara region, near the Sudanese border in the north. They are leftovers from the great exodus last year — those who could not make it at the time for various reasons and now want to join their brethren in Israel.

They are leaving in small numbers, and after all are gone, Ethiopian Jewry will have faded into history.

Gordon witnessed that phenomenon when she visited former Jewish villages in the Gondar region earlier this month.

"It was somewhat like visiting shtetls in Poland which used to be Jewish centers," said Gordon. "Of course, the circumstances are different, but there still is a feeling of a Jewish world that is no more."

Where two years ago the villages were humming with Jewish activity, they are now empty. The small synagogue in the village of Wolleka, a picturesque tourist attraction, has been converted into a residence.

The streets, once bustling with Jews selling their typical pottery, are deserted. Three Ethiopians sell coffee, but few tourists are there to buy. Ethiopia still bears the stigma of a country locked in civil war.

The North American Conference has been actively assisting Ethiopian Jews in that country since 1982. Gordon has visited Ethiopia 10 times.

Her last visit, she said, was the most relaxed.

Nothing is left of the feeling of a police state which characterized the previous regime. She could move freely across the country and was not required to obtain special permits. She left feeling that the atmosphere in Ethiopia has definitely improved.

ADL seeking witnesses

NEW YORK —

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL), in response to a request from the United States Department of Justice, is seeking witnesses in the investigation of several individuals who are suspected of having performed surgical sterilization of Jews, or gentiles married to Jews, in Latvia during the Nazi occupation between 1941 and 1944.

The U.S. government would like to interview survivors who lived in any of three Latvian locales during that time period or anyone otherwise who has relevant information regarding the sterilization program and procedures in these locales: Daugavpils, Ilukste and Valmiera.

All information will be treated in the strictest confidence. Persons with information are asked to contact Elliot Welles, director, Anti-Defamation League Task Force on Nazi War Criminals, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017 or Denise Noonan Slavin, Trial Attorney, U.S. Justice Department, Office of Special Investigations, Criminal Division, Suite 1000, 1260 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

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Levy recieves praise for diplomatic work

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy, praised at Sunday's Cabinet session for his diplomatic successes of the past two weeks, warned his colleagues of minefields on the road to peace, at least its multilateral phase.

Levy, who led the Israeli delegation at the multilateral conference on Middle East regional issues held in Moscow last week, is disturbed by the possibility that representatives of the Palestinian diaspora will be invited to join the working committees the conference has established to deal with specific regional issues.

He told his fellow ministers Sunday that the procedural issues in the peace process have to be agreed by consensus. "What we do not agree to will not come about," he declared.

The United States, which is the driving force behind the current peace process, and the Russian republic, its co-sponsor, announced in Moscow that they would support the presence of diaspora Palestinians at future sessions of the working groups on refugee resettlement, meeting in Ottawa this spring, and the economic development group, which is to meet in Brussels.

That is clearly intended to compensate the Palestinians for refusing to accredit the delegation they sent to Moscow, which included members of the diaspora community as well as residents of East Jerusalem.

The ground rules laid down for the Middle East peace process that began in Madrid last Oct. 30 stipulated that Israel would not have to negotiate with Palestinians except those residing in the West Bank or Gaza Strip.

Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy

Israel refuses to agree to a diaspora presence, on the grounds that the Palestinians could then demand that the "right of return" to lands lost during Israel's War for Independence in 1948 be made an issue in the current talks.

Arab sources say that "right," while never forfeited, would not be exercised. Instead, compensation for lost lands and property would become a negotiable issue in the peace talks.

The Palestinians, who boycotted the Moscow conference when their enlarged delegation was refused seating, also reject the U.S.-Russian formula.

They insist diaspora Palestinians be included on all five working groups. The others are arms control, environmental issues and water resources.

Levy, meanwhile, was congratulated by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and other ministers for his historic trip to Beijing where, on Jan. 24, he and Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen signed a protocol establishing full diplomatic relations between their countries, on the ambassadorial level.

It was the culmination of a 40-year quest by Israel for normal diplomatic relations with the world's most populous nation.

It was promptly followed by another diplomatic coup, when Levy was notified in Moscow that India was prepared to upgrade its low-level ties with Israel to the ambassadorial level.

The "walls of our isolation" are tumbling, Shamir said, and the nation fully appreciates this. But "we aren't home and dry yet," he cautioned. He warned against slackening Israel's political efforts abroad.

Though Foreign Minister Levy's stock is now high, he faces a formidable challenge for No. 2 spot on the Likud party list from Defence Minister Moshe Arens.

Arens, who was No. 5 on the Likud list elected to the 12th Knesset, announced that he would seek the second spot for the upcoming elections when the Likud Central Committee meets to select a party leader on Feb. 18.

Levy, long rumored to be interested in Shamir's job, replies "no comment" to media questions on the subject. Political pundits say he has probably decided not to challenge Shamir but to strengthen his own position as foreign minister.

Shamir does face a serious challenge from Housing Minister Ariel Sharon, Likud's most outspoken hawk, who has already declared his candidacy for party leadership and the office of prime minister.

Sharon has been building up support among the militant settler groups in the territories and their supporters, a core constituency of Likud voters.

Jordan's King Hussein rejects armed violence

PARIS (JTA) —

Jordan's King Hussein has spoken out against the recent wave of armed violence by Palestinians against Israeli civilians in the territories.

In an interview published in the French daily *Le Figaro*, Hussein said, "There may be a minority willing to torpedo all peace efforts, but we should not allow this minority to achieve its aim."

The king pronounced himself in favor of democracy and human rights in the Arab states.

"Democracy must exist. Human rights must be respected. I hope the Arab world, as a whole, will understand that it has to go in this direction, that these reforms are mandatory," the king was quoted as saying.

He expressed hope that the Arab world would evolve like Europe has done in recent times, so "that the walls of fear, suspicion and doubt will fall down.

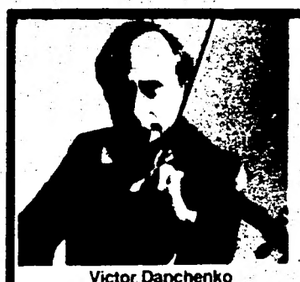
"I know that saying this, I make myself rather unpopular," he admitted. "But I am sure I am echoing the feelings of the Arab people."

Hussein deplored the use of religion as a political tool. "Islam is not the property of a small group. No one can pretend to have the monopoly of truth," he said.

The king said he had tried in vain to convince the Syrians to participate in the multinational conference on Middle East regional issues that opened last week in Moscow.

Syria and Lebanon, which participated in bilateral talks with Israel in Washington, boycotted the Moscow conference. Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and several other Arab countries attended.

A Palestinian delegation whose makeup is different than that which attended the talks in Madrid and Washington went to Moscow but refrained from immediately joining in the talks following objections by Israel, the United States and Russia over their delegates.



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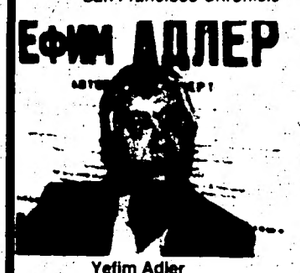

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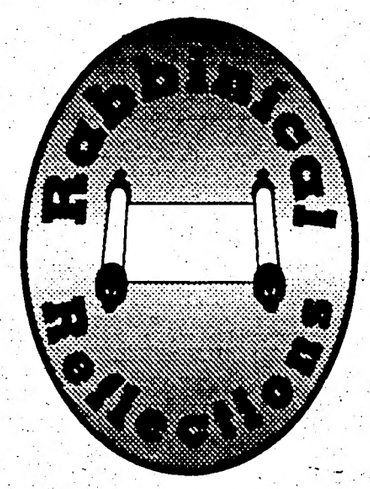

By
RABBI LAWRENCE TROSTER

In the last number of years it has become fashionable to blame many of the world's ills on the Bible. Every now and than one reads of some scholar or historian confidently tracing some "ism" to a text in Scripture.

One of the most persistent of these accusations is the claim that the Bible (read Judaism) is responsible for the environmental crisis now facing the world. God's blessing to humanity in Genesis 1:28 ("Be fertile and increase, fill the earth and master it; and rule the fish of the sea . . .") is quoted time and time again as "proof" that our despoilation of the earth is as a result of this text and its influence on Judaism and Christianity. Unfortunately, many Jews have accepted this false criticism because of their own lack of knowledge of the Bible and its traditions about the earth.

While the topic of Judaism and environmentalism is a large one with an increasing bibliography (from all denominations and perspectives) a few major themes can be outlined to show that our tradition, properly understood, can be a source of environmental sensitivity.

First of all, the text in Genesis must not be taken out of context as a warrant for unfettered human exploitation of the earth. It is, rather, a commission of stewardship by God to humanity. In other words, humanity was to act on God's behalf in the governance and maintenance of the world. The "Earth is the Lord's" says the Psalmist and we must take care of it. We do not own the world, we are temporary tenants. Everything, including ourselves, are on loan from God and it is our task not to misuse the precious gifts of our lives and the earth.

This concept can be seen in Genesis 2:15 where it says: "The Lord God took the human and placed him in the garden of Eden, to till it and tend it." The texts of Genesis 1:28 and 2:15 are not contradictory but complementary. Humanity, while the culmination of Creation, is nonetheless an earthly creature who stands between God and the rest of living things. As such, humanity has a responsibility to care for the earth and not to destroy it. A midrash has God showing Adam around Eden and them saying to him, "See my works, how fine and excellent they are! Now all that I am going to create for you I have already created. Think about this and do not corrupt and desolate My world. For if you corrupt it, there will be no one to set it right after you."

Our tradition also has a sepcific halachic prohibition against the wanton waste and destruction of the environment. This mitzvah is based on Deuteronomy 20:19 where there is a law prohibiting the cutting down of fruit trees during wartime. The Oral Law expands this specific injunction into a general prohibition (called Bal Tashchit, "Do not Destroy") against environmental destruction such as the cutting off of water supplies to trees, the hunting of animals for sport, the pollution of water and air or the waste of any resources for no good reason. Bal Tashchit can be interpreted in a modern context that it is a mitzvah, a commandment, for Jews to participate in the three "R's" of waste management programs (reduce, reuse, recycle) since to do otherwise is to indulge in the sinful misuse and destruction of Creation.

Judaism is also a tradition that emphasizes human restraint, discipline and self-control. The laws of Shabbat, kashrut, the Sabbatical year, the Jubilee year and other areas of Halachah point to an ideology of the channeling of human energy to the service of God and to productive results. Ours is a tradition which to some extent stresses the limits of human endeavor before the supremacy of God. This ideology is in direct conflict with many of the values of our consumer society. It is recognized by most environmentalists that the values of over-consumption, self-gratification and the lack of human limits are the real sources of our environmental crisis.

Finally, Judaism's concern with kedushah or holiness is a mechanism for sensitizing us to the earth. When we recite a brachah, a blessing over food or some other thing or action, we are not only recognizing God as the source of all reality, we are also forced to see that there is nothing "ordinary" about any aspect of life. We suddenly see a dimension of the divine behind all that exists. We can never again take for granted the gift of the earth that we are also part of.

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KLM airline angers Dutch Jews

AMSTERDAM (JTA) —

The Jewish community here is furious over a handbook distributed by the Royal Dutch Airline, KLM, to its flight attendants to acquaint them with the distinctive customs, backgrounds and needs of passengers of different religious groups.

Rabbi Raphael Evers, head of the Orthodox Jewish Seminary in the Netherlands, likened it to *Mein Kampf* and the medieval blood libel because of what he said were gross distortions about the customs and behavior of observant Jews.

According to Rabbi Lody Van De Kamp of the Amsterdam Ashkenazic Congregation, it reflects prejudice and lack of knowledge of Jews and Judaism.

"KLM stimulates prejudice against Jews and greatly offends the Jews," De Kamp charged in the Dutch Jewish weekly *Nieuw Israelietisch Weekblad*. He demanded appropriate revisions in the next edition.

KLM, Holland's globe-girdling air carrier, has promised to make all necessary revisions.

The handbook, titled *Cultures Aboard*, devotes 12 of its 200 pages to Orthodox Jews. It advises female flight attendants that Orthodox male passengers refuse to touch food handled by a woman who is menstruating. Sometimes they will inquire discreetly, or not so discreetly, if she is having her monthly period, the handbook says.

It claims that Orthodox Jews have a sharp sense of social control. "Passengers who didn't order kosher food (in advance) will just demand it on the spot. They call loudly showing their anger over a mistake made by KLM," the manual said.

According to Rabbi Evers, he was upset by the KLM handbook because "negative statements, written or oral, have caused millions of victims for our people." He pointed to errors in references to kashrut and Jewish festivals and to a statement that Jews, unlike Muslims, are allowed to interrupt their prayers.

Flight attendants are told that Orthodox Jewish passengers may want to congregate in the galley to pray and there should be no objection to this request.

But, it warns, sometimes a whole group occupies the galley for a long time, preventing the staff from performing its duties.

"KLM should have contacted the Dutch Chief Rabbinate and the Amsterdam Rabbinate before publishing such absurdities," Van De Kamp wrote. He noted that in the past KLM has always asked the advice of Jewish authorities.

A spokesman for the airline said the handbook tried to give as balanced a picture as possible of the more extreme religious behavior the cabin staff might encounter and how to handle situations with which they may be confronted.

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Front Line

Anti-Semitism returns as U.S. prepares for election

COMMENTARY

By
RUTH WISSE

Anti-Semitism has re-emerged as a prominent issue in American politics. Four years ago, Jesse Jackson's presidential candidacy raised the problem in Democratic ranks and today, through the candidacy of Pat Buchanan, anti-Semitism is an issue among Republicans.

Elements within the ideological Left and Right, otherwise sharply divided, join in blaming the Jews for wielding too much unhealthy influence on American society, and for being an untrustworthy people.

More discouraging even than the return of anti-Semitism to the political arena is the confusion that surrounds it. William Buckley devotes the entire Dec. 30 issue of his magazine *National Review* to anti-Semitism, but although he scrupulously tries to distinguish between what is and what isn't, he can't seem to grasp why some of his colleagues should have turned against the Jews.

He is not alone. In Jewish organizations, too, seminars on anti-Semitism proliferate like graggers on Purim, making noise and venting anxieties, but without much clarification. Jews cannot seem to understand the co-ordinates of the political situation in which they find themselves, not for the first time in this century.

There is nothing mysterious about the return of anti-Semitism to American politics. In the 1930s the government of Germany placed the elimination of the Jews at the centre of its political agenda, and justified its actions on the grounds that the Jews were corrupting Aryan society. At the same time the Soviet Union, seeking to extend its influence in the Middle East, supported the Arab uprisings in Palestine against "British and Zionist imperialism," and justified pogroms against the Jews as the beginnings of an Arab liberation movement.

Ruth R. Wisse

In response to the pressure of these policies, both the ideological Left and Right in America spoke out against the Jews; the Left because it considered Jewish nationalism a glitch on the road to the Socialist International, and the Right either because it actively agreed with Hitler's premises, or because it did not want to provoke Germany by standing up for the Jews.

Of course, Hitler and Stalin did not create anti-Semitism in America and the Depression encouraged populist politicians everywhere to look for a handy scapegoat. They defamed Jews in their propaganda and forced Americans to feel uncomfortable when they didn't want to go to the Jews' defence. By blaming the Jews for their predicament, politicians, businessmen, diplomats, and intellectuals, could pursue their own aims without guilt for the fate of the targeted victim.

The Arab war against the Jewish state — and against the national legitimacy of the Jews as a people — creates an almost identical alignment in American politics today. For nearly half a century Arab and Muslim rulers have placed the elimination of Israel at the heart of their political agenda. In the 1970s they launched against the Jews the most sustained propaganda attack in modern history; equating Zionism with racism in the same language that was forged by Soviet propagandists of the 1930s, Arab rulers put the world on notice that they not only intended to destroy Israel, but that they felt thoroughly justified in doing so.

There is no question of Arab intentions: Countries do not maintain an economic blockade unless they mean to cripple their enemy. Countries do not erase a neighbor from their maps unless they mean to erase that neighbor from the map. The Jews serve Arab rulers just as they did many European rulers, as the most potent excuse for native political dissatisfaction, and the most seductive explanation for all that is going wrong in their region.

The Arab war against the Jews reactivates anti-Semitism by forcing Americans to choose between their economic and political self-interest, on the one hand, and appeals to their conscience on the other. As long as Israel was a useful ally in the war against the Soviet Union, the choice did not seem quite as lopsided. Faced, however, with a coalition of about one billion Arabs and Muslims in dozens of countries, who both supply American oil and buy American products, some Americans are loathe to provoke the Arabs by standing up for the Jews.

The depressed economic climate and the perceived decline in American power adds fuel to the argument that America should look out for its own interests, instead of having to weigh those interests against the needs of a Jewish state. While no one in the generation after Auschwitz likes to say that Jews are expendable, resentment is a very natural consequence of Arab pressure. Blaming the Jews for their national character alleviates this pressure, because if the Jews deserve their fate, no one is obliged to come to their defence.

Unfortunately, the Jews cannot make it easy for their fellow Americans. They have to persuade their fellow citizens to recognize their enlightened self-interest in the preservation of Israel rather than satisfy their narrow self-interest by abandoning Israel. For should America ever capitulate to the politics of anti-Semitism and cease to protect Israel, the Jewish state would almost certainly be crushed by the Arabs as remorselessly as were Europe's Jews by the Germans.

And it is doubtful that the problems of the Arabs would be solved in the process.

HUMOR

It's never too late to make predictions for 1992

By
ALLAN GOULD

Vey iz mir. Here it is, early February, and you're still writing 5751 on your letters, cards and faxes, aren't you?

But have no fear. Just because we live in a predominantly Gentile society, is no reason for us to miss out on predictions for 1992. And you have to admit, we Jews really do need to know what's coming up in the next 12 months in order to plan our lives. Here, then, with the kind assistance of my guest columnist for this month, Ms. Basya Bashert, you'll now be sure of what to expect.

Allan Gould

February 8: The 47th cease-fire is declared in the Serbian-Croatian conflict. The few dozen Jews left in the country unpack again. But slowly.

February 16: A massive number of coronaries take place in Jews across Canada today, clearly from shock, as the *Toronto Star*, *The Globe and Mail*, the *Vancouver Province*, the *Montreal Gazette*, and several other major papers come out in support of Israel's policies and its right to exist. "These pro-Zionist moves are obviously a massive conspiracy to destroy the health of Canada's Jews," declares a leader of the Jewish Defence League. "We really can't win," states John Honderich of the *Toronto Star*.

March 23: The 68th cease-fire in the Serbian-Croatian conflict is declared. The half-dozen Jews still left in the area start buying one-way tickets for Israel.

April 22: By a special act of the Knesset, Russian is declared the official language of the State of Israel. "If Ben-Yehuda were alive today, he'd be spinning in his grave," notes a Hebrew language scholar at the Russian University on Mount Scopus, Uri Ben-Canaan (born Irving Blinztrub in the Bronx).

"It's about time," proclaims new Labour Party leader Ivan Rabinovitch (born Ivan Rabinovitch in Minsk). "Russian is the language of the majority of Israelis, and the majority should decide."

The Israeli public seems pleased as vodka. "I'm delighted," exclaims Ms. Natasha Grinshten (the former Natasha Grinshtein of Odessa). "I never could get the hang of Hebrew when I first arrived here in early 1990, and now I can revert back to my — how do you say it in the States? — oh, yes — the mamaloshen. All Israel needs now to make me feel truly at home is endless lines in front of the felafel and baguette shops, and then, they should have no felafel and baguettes when I get to the front of the lines."

In his new position as Visiting Professor of Ethics, Latin, the U.S.S.R., and Other Dead Things at Princeton University, former Soviet President Mikhael Gorbachev is quoted as saying, "Now that I can finally speak the language of Israel, I'd love to visit the Holy Land. In fact, I'd really like to live there, except I hear there are no jobs."

May 30: Inflation in Canada hits 22 percent; mortgage and bank loans skyrocket to 46 percent; unemployment reaches a staggering 67 percent. Declares the new head of B'nai B'rith Canada, Fyodor Golem (born Fyodor Golem in Leningrad, formerly St. Petersburg, now St. Petersburg again), while walking through the now boarded-up and abandoned Eaton Centre in downtown Toronto, "We Canadian Jews may be suffering as much as everyone else, but you have to admit, we still have a great deal to be happy about. For one thing, house prices are finally down, so I can move south from Orillia to a nice place closer to Toronto, like Barrie. And best of all, we Jews must never forget: Brian Mulroney is not Jewish, Boruch ha-Shem."

July 1: A new, Jewish-owned-and-operated theme park, Disneyland North, opens just outside of Winnipeg's North End, in time to celebrate Canada's 125th birthday. Due to the city's climate, it will be open for only three weeks per year, "and we'll still make a hefty profit," vows Chief Executive Officer Chris Callaghan (born Chaim Callofsky in Kensington Market.)

"Did you know, you can buy a Kosher hamburger here for only two bucks, which is less than it costs down in Winnipeg. Of course, if you want a pareve bun to put it on, that's an extra $8. We learned this trick from the head office, down in Orlando."

September 10: The biggest television success is the new situation comedy, *The Gantze Mishpocha*. In this latest smash from the Carsey-Werner hit factory (*The Cosby Show; Roseanne*), a middle-class, assimilated Jewish couple, the Gantzes, adopt an Orthodox Jewish child. The humor comes from the parents struggling to avoid bankruptcy while keeping kosher.

October 2: A radical new left-wing group is formed in Israel today: Peace Last Week. "We felt that Peace Now had become far too conservative," says the organization's newly-elected president, Morris Chomsky (born Moshe Ben-Palestine). "We've wanted peace in the Middle East for such a long time — so why not before; like maybe last week?" Mr. Chomsky then leads his thousands of followers into a rousing rendition of the classic protest cry:

"What do we want?"

"Peace!!"

"When did we want it??"

"Last week!"

Exclaims new Likud Prime Minister Boris Baddenuf, formerly of Pinsk, "I am of two minds about this new, so-called peace group: First, they are cowards and traitors to the State of Israel. Second, if they spoke better Russian, we Israelis would respect them more."

November 28: Boris Yeltsin, president of the new Common Poverty of Independent States, announces today that the reason for massive unemployment and starvation in the new country has been found. "It's all the fault of the Jews," says Yeltsin, during a speech in Parliement. "It always has been, and it always will be. I'm surprised that I hadn't realized this before."

States his wife, who is Jewish [really, dear reader, but don't get all excited; Stalin's and Brezhnev's Jewish relatives didn't help us much either]: "All this, because I over-salted his damned borscht. My mother warned me not to marry the shicker. If only I'd married Gorbachev, I could be in the States now."

December 14: In preparation for the upcoming Canadian federal elections in 1993, a group of religious Jews from across Canada form the Orthodox Party in Ottawa. "We've been watching the growing popularity of this Reform Party, and we just had to act," said Reuven Bialystock (formerly of Montreal, now of Markham).

The following day, a group of Conservative Jews gather in Thornhill to create the new federal Conservative Party. "Not to be confused with the Progressive Conservative Party, which is treif, and doesn't keep either day of Shavuos," says its spokesperson, Paul Robbins (born Rabinowicz in downtown Toronto, now of Thorncliff.)

"We are still considering the formation of a new party, but we haven't decided yet," declares Reconstructionist layperson Morty Kaplansky. "Still, this splitting of the Jewish vote is certainly going to hurt Chretien and the federal Liberals."

"So what," writes *Toronto Star* editor John Honderich, in an editorial. "It was Jews who split the atom, and look what happened." Pickets promptly appear outside the *Star's* building at the foot of Yonge Street, and 20,000 Canadian Jews cancel their subscriptions.

(Allan Gould, who not only cannot foretell the future, but can't even guess when the red light will change, is the author of 16 books, including The Unorthodox Book of Jewish Records and Lists, *and his latest,* What Did They Think of the Jews?, *a massive anthology of Gentile commentary through history.)*

'Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.'

Albert Einstein, 1931

'You cannot find peace anywhere save in your own self.'

Martin Buber, c. 1930

'The future of Judaism belongs to that school which can best understand the past.'

Rabbi Leopold Loew, c. 1870

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Chinese relations

For complex historical reasons Communist China has allied itself with the most extreme Arab rejectionist viewpoint on the Arab-Israel imbroglio.

A recent development, the opening of the first exhibit about the Holocaust in China, suggests that an opening for an improved climate vis-a-vis Jews and Israel may be on the horizon.

Historically, China was one of the few countries in the world where no anti-Semitic movement ever took hold. In fact, according to scholars, Jews lived amiably in China from around the beginning of the millenium until the latter part of the 19th century.

The Jews of Kai Feng in China's Hunan province were well treated by their Chinese neighbors, and no discrimination against Jews was recorded during the long period in which Jews shared domicile with their Chinese hosts.

The hostility exhibited towards Israel since 1949 when the Communist government came to power in China may be considered an aberration. This is one of the conclusions that may be drawn from the warm and sensitive response to the Holocaust exhibit currently on display in Shanghai. In this context the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in the United States deserves a commendation for the imaginative approach it has brought, first, by mounting the exhibit and, second, by its judicious selection of photographs and other material depicting the Shoah.

The Courage to Remember exhibit has struck a responsive chord among Chinese viewers who are largely ignorant about the disaster which befell the Jews during the World War II but who have deep memories of equally horrendous massacres which befell the Chinese in their wars against the Japanese and in the Civil War.

Shanghai is a wonderful venue for the Holocaust exhibit because it was in that city that thousands of Jewish refugees fleeing Nazism were able to find refuge in the early 1940s. Ironically, it is also the city where Mao Tse Tung's Cultural Revolution was initiated, a revolution which was emblematic of China's deeply troubled political evolution.

Courage to Remember affords the Chinese a first opportunity to see in words and pictures "the cold calculus of Nazism, where dictatorship, ideological fervor and racism added up to a death sentence for the Jews of Europe."

With the demise of the Soviet Union as a superpower, the Chinese retain a position of added prominence in the comity of nations. It is extremely important that the government of China, as well as its people, re-examine their previous myopia with regards to the State of Israel. The staging of the Holocaust exhibit in Shanghai, in addition to other examples of a new flexibility (informal contacts between Israeli and Chinese diplomats), suggest that China's other wall, that implacable wall of hostility towards Israel, may be crumbling.

This is a most positive and welcome development.

Literary success stories

Few would deny that the State of Israel, because of its pivotal role in the Middle East, occupies a disproportionate amount of space in the world's news media. Five major wars against its Arab antagonists, the intifada since 1989 and the current peace talks have continued to place Israel in the floodlights of international scrutiny.

There is another arena, however, in which Israel has achieved international prominence but which has not attracted quite the same attention as its political configuration. According to Robert Alter, the eminent American specialist in comparative literature, Hebrew literature in its English translations, has gained a presence in North America that "constitutes one of the great literary success stories of our time."

Writing in *Modern Hebrew Literature* (Fall/Winter 1991), Alter observes that 30 years ago American readers were totally unaware of the existence of a literature rooted in Israeli soil. Those who had some acquaintance with it considered it to be the "marginal expression of a tiny language group" that had nothing to say to the outside world.

In the past 30 years the situation has changed so dramatically that Hebrew literature in translation has become the "most visible foreign literature in the United States after that of Latin America."

This amazing development speaks eloquently for the creative spirit that is emanating from the Land of the Bible. Thanks to the genius of the writers and the skill of their English translators, Israeli authors such as Amos Oz, A.B. Yehoshua, Aharon Appelfeld, Yaakov Shabtai, David Grossman and Yoram Kaniuk are transmitting the ethos of the Hebrew experience in Israel's position at the crossroads of the Middle East.

It has been said that literature is the expression of a nation's mind in writing. To know the mind of modern Israel a study of its Hebrew novelists, poets and essayists is indispensable — and now possible through the alchemy of English translation.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

A Serbian volunteer, standing behind two Orthodox priests, looks through binoculars during ceremonies Jan. 23 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the genocide of over 1,300 Jews, Serbs and gypsies. Yugoslavia's World War II, Nazi-allied fascist government is blamed for the killings. [RNS photo/Reuters]

Letters to the Editor

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BRING BACK THE 30s

Re: Editorial, "Film Exploitation," CJN, Jan. 23.

Your editorial makes the statement that Jewish characters have long been banished from Hollywood films. Nothing could be further from the truth! I seem to recall many movies that contained Jewish characters, such as the first talking picture *The Jazz Singer* in 1927, starring Al Jolson, with a totally Jewish theme throughout. Have you forgotten the *Jolson Story*, the *Story of Florenz Ziegfeld, Fiddler on the Roof, Exodus, Duddy Kravitz, Goodbye Columbus, Gentleman's Agreement*, to name a few?

You speak of a new maturity among producers, directors and financial backers, who although they choose Jewish characters for their movies today, seem to pick those who are not ideal models.

A quick check of the statistical records will show that the major producers, directors, and financial backers, from the very early beginning of motion pictures to the present time were, and still are, predominately Jews.

I don't think the Jewish character has changed any over the years, but the characteristics of the producers and directors have. If Jews are being exploited in Hollywood films today, point your accusing finger where it belongs, at the Jewish characters who control the movies. They are not interested in making good artistic movies; they will never match up to the tremendous talents of Samuel Goldwyn, Louis B. Mayer, Harry Kohn, Joseph E. Levine and David O. Selznick, who, although they were tough businessmen, were never known to hide from their Jewish background.

In fact, they were very proud of it as their films demonstrate. Most movies today, whether they portray a Jewish or non-Jewish character, have basically no character. The only thing they stand for is big bucks at the box office and if Bugsy Siegel brings in the crowds, so be it.

Ah, for the 30s and 40s again.

Dr. Lawrence I. Gaum
Toronto

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LOSE WISDOM OF TORAH

The protest by the Ontario region of the Canadian Jewish Congress against an ad from Jews for Jesus in the Toronto Sun (CJN, Jan. 9) is an example of Jewish myopia. Although the newspaper ad is a notch above what they distribute on the street, only a moron might fall for this cult's childish texts, cartoons and leaflets. But this is certainly not why there is such a vast estrangement of the best and the brightest of our people from Judaism.

Far more insidious is the constant portrayal in the mass media of the Torah as archaic — harsh, patriarchal, hierarchical — and Jesus as the universal teacher. For example, Tom Harpur writes a popular column in the Sunday Toronto *Star* titled "Ethics," which is a misnomer. His topics are not from a branch of philosophy concerned with human values, generally, such as the ideas of Plato, Spinoza or Kant, but are primarily concerned with Christianity wherein he presents Jesus as the embodiment of good and love.

It is a tragic failure of the major Jewish organizations and our educational system that so many Jews, because they do not comprehend the compassion, beauty, and above all, the infinite wisdom of the Torah, must seek other paths of enlightenment.

Jacob Mendlovic
Toronto

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QUESTION OF GUILT

I was shocked to read the following quandary in the Analysis column: "Which is worse: to be kin to the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust, or to be kin to those who perpretated it?" (*'Germans, Jews are learning to deal with past' — CJN, Jan. 23).*

It is an insult and disgrace to the memory of the six million and to the entire Jewish People to ask such a question. If such a statement were to appear in a non-Jewish publication, it would certainly provoke cries of insensitivity to Jews.

Shame on Patricia Rucker for writing such rubbish, and shame on the CJN for printing it.

Eli Rachlin
Toronto

Patricia Rucker responds: Mr. Rachlin has misinterpreted the question, which referred, not to the fate of the six million, but to issues of guilt and responsibility.

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YIDDISH IS ALIVE AND WELL

Yiddish is alive and well and living in the Catskills! From Dec. 22-29, the Paramount Hotel hosted the seventh annual YIVO Yiddish Folk Arts Program — Klezkamp. Musicians and just "stam" (ordinary) Yiddishists from San Francisco to Amsterdam, from Paris and Raanana to our own Kingston gathered to pay homage to the past, present and future. Spurred on by the revival of interest in Klezmer music, over 400 campers attended this five-day happening, many bringing their musical instruments, all bringing their love of Yiddish.

The theme this year was survival, creativity and renewal. Among the camp courses were included singing, language lessons, dance, paper-cutting, and a full range of musical activities. Chava Lapin, an ex-Montrealer, taught the literature classes. In the folklore classes we saw films made in DP camps, paintings (by Myer Kirshenblatt from Toronto) of childhood days in Poland, and a puppet show telling the Purim story. The cooking class baked "reshinke," a cake decorated with the words "mazel tov" and traditionally served at a bris.

One of the special guests was Ben Gailing, a 93-year-old gentleman who still presents a program weekly on Boston radio.

Serendipity played its part in the drama. A man from Sao Paolo, Brazil, and I discovered that our fathers had both lived in Tomashov, Poland. Telephone calls to these men at their homes confirmed that they had indeed been neighbors and very close friends! What an emotional moment!

Jocelyn Cooper
Montreal

Opinion

U.S. Jews shifting charity dollars

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Everyone "knows" that Jews are very charitable and give much more than others. Now I read of a new study, commissioned by Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, which analyzes this perception and comes up not with an affirmation but a denial. The bottom line of this study is that Jews give less than Gentiles. In addition, they also do less volunteer work. The study was carried out by Gabriel Berger of the University's Cohen Centre For Modern Jewish Study. But his findings have not gone without dispute.

Gary Tobin and Stephen Solender came up with a different reading. They claim to have found that while there has been a steady increase in large donations to Jewish causes, even more Jewish money has gone to general charities and civic institutions, especially universities and hospitals. They believe that Jews on the whole do indeed fulfil their obligations adequately.

According to them, Jews gave, in fact, more than Gentiles, the average family contributing $220 to Jewish causes and $149 to other civic institutions. Non-Jewish Americans, on the other hand, contributed an average of $335.

I am cautious about studies of this kind, especially when they leave out a large number of variables. From what I have been given to understand, the figures do not show what Jews and Gentiles contribute to their religious institutions, nor what they spend for religious education of one kind or another.

Rabbi Plaut

But on one fact both Berger and the others seem to agree: where formerly Jews contributed primarily or even overwhelmingly to Jewish organizations, now the weight of their contributions is directed to general civic causes. This is especially true for capital gifts, the largest of these consistently going to health institutions, universities, and the arts, and fewer to similar opportunities in the Jewish community or in Israel.

I cannot blame you if by now you are thoroughly confused, which is natural, with one side claiming one thing and the other, another. In fact, I'm not sure that, with our population as mobile as it is today, conclusive figures can be garnered altogether at this time. Also, the study does not reflect what takes place in Canada.

Admittedly, I speak from personal impressions only. The single greatest difference between the American and the Canadian communities is the length of residence in ther respective countries. American Jews came to the United States at an earlier time and are now well into the third, fourth, and fifth generation. Canadian Jews arrived later and, therefore, their integration into the general community has been of more recent vintage. Zionist sentiment is considered more intense in Canada than it is south of ther border, and giving to Israel elicits a larger response here than in the United States. Conversely, Canadian Jews have not as yet raised their civic gifts to the same level as Jews in the United States who have been part of their communities for generations.

Therefore, it is safe to predict that after a while the patterns both north and south of the border will become more or less the same, and in both instances contributions to civic life in general will rise significantly. Whether at the same time contributions to Jewish causes will also rise is something that is to be hoped for but is not at all certain. Jews will give if they think it is important, and therefore, much depends on what kind of obligation they feel when confronted with a request for philanthropic giving. In any case, it is well not to jump to quick conclusions and make general comparisons which are usually very difficult to sustain in a scientifically defensible way.

But there is one item that these studies do reveal and on which there seems to be no argument. Jewish organizations take gifts for granted as an obligation owed to them; Gentile organizations do not. The latter will go out of their way to express their thanks in a direct and personal way, while in many instances Jewish institutions will do it in a much more perfunctory fashion. Perhaps this has to do with our sense of mitzvah. We feel that it is an obligation to give and not something that comes from the goodness of our hearts. We don't feel that we "give charity" when we contribute to a hospital, or home for the aged, or UIA. We solicit gifts on the basis of a perceived obligation — while in the community at large the approach is quite different. There, the emphasis is on need for charity in the accepted sense of the word: a free will offering that is given freely and out of love.

For a Jew who has been raised on Jewish principles, this is an unaccustomed approach. To a tzedakah is primarily doing what needs and ought to be done. It is right and proper and therefore demanded as a mitzvah. Love and caritas are the elements that flavor the gift, but they are not, for Jews, its bases.

Memorials help keep past alive

By
ARNOLD AGES

I have always been a firm believer in the superiority of the spiritual over the monumental in the preservation of memory. The Egyptians and Greeks were unsurpassed in their construction of pyramids, statuaries and temple columns. In contrast, ancient Jewish civilization bequeathed to posterity relatively little concrete evidence of its physical presence on the Land of Israel.

Despite their considerable achievements in fashioning stone, granite and marble into structures which have endured for centuries (albeit in withered form), the ancient Egyptians and Greeks did not have the critical velocity to maintain their equilibrium as a people.

Ancient Egypt disappeared completely from the map of the world. Modern Greece still retains some of the architectural grandeur of the past, but the Greeks today are a different people with radically different values and beliefs from their ancestors from the age of Socrates.

The Jewish people however, has maintained its identity, its forward momentum in history and its religious equilibrium by stressing neither architectural nor the plastic arts, but by registering the sacred moments in the life of the nation deeded to the Jewish people in the Torah.

The memory of those moments has been perpetuated in the Talmud and the response literature and in the dynamics of the Halakhic dialectic to this very day.

Because Judaism has always preferred the written word over the visual representation to fix and valorize memory, I have been apprehensive in the recent past about the trend towards the erection of monuments, statues and other physical objects designed to memorialize the kedoshim, the martyred millions who were victims of Hitler.

Arnold Ages

I have been guided in my views by the fact that in the past, written responses, whether in narrative or poetic form (one thinks immediately of the piyutim or poems composed by Jewish scribes to record the travail of Jews during the crusades) were the best ways to register Jewish feelings and help memory.

The question has gained new currency within my own mind, however, as I have had the opportunity of examining Holocaust monuments in several Canadian and American cities. The result has been an inner agitation and the slowly emerging conviction that the monumental may have something of intrinsic value within it and that in conjunction with the spiritual, Holocaust memorials can have a dramatic effect on the consciousness of the Jewish community.

It should be noted moreover, that the first Holocaust memorial in Canada is not of recent vintage. To its credit, the Jewish community of Kitchener, Ontario, had the foresight to construct a small but impressive Holocaust marker in its cemetery in the early 1960s.

It took other North American cities more than two decades to catch up to that community's vision.

The German government's decision this year to transform the Wannsee Villa in Berlin (where the "final solution" was planned in 1942) into a Holocaust memorial, study and research centre, is a welcome development despite the tardiness of its arrival.

The same may be said of the massive Holocaust building and museum which is emerging on the mall in Washington and which promises to be an awesome physical testimony to one of history's unspeakable crimes.

I personally can relate better to memorials on a more human scale. In 1980 the Jewish community of Baltimore built a Holocaust memorial within walking distance of the city's inner harbor. Part crypt and part sculpture, the monument features a globe with the tormented bodies of Jewish victims being drawn into a vortex of fire and destruction. The visual impact of this structure is powerful.

I had the same reaction when I first viewed Ernie Raab's obelisk at the Earl Bales Park in Toronto. Dedicated just last spring, this Holocaust memorial which can be seen from Bathurst Street, uses the chimney motif with vertical swirls to record the agony of European Jewry.

The Holocaust memorial on the foyer wall of Toronto's Beth Tzedec synagogue conveys the same resonance, this time with circular vortices, to make a statement about suffering.

I think I realize now why Holocaust memorials have their place in trying to preserve Jewish memory. Written testimonies, scholarships, educational funds, liturgical responses, research institutes — all these are important in focusing on the past but they are things which require active involvement.

J.B. Flies South

J.B. is paying his annual visit to Florida. His weekly column will resume when he returns; in the meantime we are hoping to receive occasional reports from him.

It's not much fun having the flu

By
ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

I expect a certain amount of sympathy when I have the flu. But this time around, sympathy is sadly lacking because everyone else has the flu, just got over it, or is coming down with it.

There is no one left standing to bring chicken soup, offer comfort or murmur soothing words. I am left to hack and complain in solitary splendor. This is not only uncomfortable, it's boring.

When I can sit up, I reach out and touch someone — but only by phone: Typhoid Mary was more popular than carriers of the current flu.

This is the typical, flu-ridden telephone call:
Hi, it's me.

Hi, how ya doing? (A question asked only for form. No one seriously wants to know.)

Well, I have this darned flu. How are you?

Oh, I had that. Do you have achy legs?
Check.
Got a fever?
Check.
Got the chills?
Check.
Yeah. That's it, OK. Tough luck. Sorry. Gotta go.
Click.
And that was my mother!

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Actually, that's unfair. This week, Mother (who had the flu during her vacation) helped a lot. She picked up my children from school every day, a chore I couldn't have managed at all (unless my van decided to accomplish the feat alone, with me comatose in the saddle, like Trigger bringing Roy Rogers home, limp across his back).

My fabulous neighbor (a recovering flu victim) has been bringing us bountiful food, and my husband (whose already-completed flu rendered me dateless New Year's eve) delivered both supper and breakfast to the bedroom. So I am not entirely abandoned, it just feels that way.

No nostrum, tea or potion seems to help, no matter how steeped in Jewish myth, how trusted in the health food store, how cherished by grandmothers' legends. Sufferers agree that this particular flu is cured only by the slow passage of time. I have found that watching old Lucille Ball or Doris Day movies is momentarily bracing (and seems to effect a temporary easing of symptoms, particularly when Henry Fonda co-stars), but nothing else has much pact.

Our three children find it incomprehensible that Mom is sick. It's as if the instruction manual on *How To Have a Mommy* doesn't cover this contingency. "Are you well yet?" they ask every 10 minutes. Their general take-no-prisoners style is compounded by their attempts to be thoughtful, like screaming at each other, "Shut up, you'll wake up Mom."

And, as if we needed the excitement, our 5-year-old decided mid-week that she'd like to try to somersault down the sliding board. ("You never told me not to," she explained later.) As a result of this woeful experiment, she bruised her hip (thank Heaven that was all) and the doctor ordered her to stay off her feet for 48 hours. Thanks, Doc. Would you like to try to keep her seated for two days at *your* house?

It is improbable, under even normal circumstances, to keep an active kindergartener marooned on the living room couch for two full days. It is impossible when you have the flu. I staggered to the local video emporium and brought her one of everything. The result: she piled the whole stack of tapes on the floor for her baby brother to unspool and watched *The Magic Man* over and over, about 45 times. If I ever see that band leader again, I'll probably bash him, one wallop apiece, with each of his 76 trombones.

The other hard part about the flu is all the gratuitous — though deeply well meant — advice it inspires to bestow upon one:

"*Drink chicken soup.*" OK, if you'll cook it, I'll drink it.

"*Stay in bed. Don't get up too soon.*" I can't move. I can barely blink. I have absolutely no ambition to get out of bed at all. It takes me a half-hour of deliberation to decide to roll over. I hope I'm up in time for Pesach.

"*Be careful. Don't give the flu to your kids.*" My kids — where do you think I got it in the first place?

Soviets in Poland: an appraisal

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

On Sept. 17, 1939, less than three weeks after the German army stormed into western Poland, the Soviet army crossed the Polish border and occupied 200,000 square kilometres of Poland's eastern provinces.

Eastern Poland, classic shtetl country which had been the heartland of the Pale of Settlement in Czarist times, was largely a backward agricultural area inhabited by 1.2 million Jews, who constituted about 10 per cent of the population.

The Soviet Union (as it was then called) ruled eastern Poland until Germany conquered it on June 22, 1941. Till then, the Soviet occupiers more or less erased visible manifestations of Jewish life there. The Germans, during the Holocaust, administered the coup de grace.

In *Shtetl Jews Under Soviet Rule* (Basil Blackwell, $39.95), Ben-Cion Pinchuk, a Haifa University professor of history, examines the Soviet occupation and its impact on the Jewish community. It is, as far as I know, the first book-length treatment of the topic in English.

Although the Jews of eastern Poland had lived in the region since the 14th century, they were considered an alien entity by their Christian neighbors, who rarely socialized with them.

Jews had their own autonomous institutions, and they lived an intense and separate national and religious Jewish life. In the main, they spoke Yiddish and practised Orthodox Judaism (although secularization was on the increase.) A high percentage worked in commerce, handicrafts and services.

The local population, particularly the Byelorussians and the Jews, greeted the Soviet army warmly. To the Jews, the Soviets were preferable to the Germans, whose anti-Semitic record under Hitler was plainly evident. Although older residents still remembered the proper behavior of German soldiers during World War I, they feared that times had changed and that German troops would no longer act benevolently toward them.

But in the days between the collapse of Polish rule and the establishment of Soviet control, Jews faced a more immediate problem: anti-Jewish riots. They were crushed in short order by the Soviets, who abhorred instability.

Initially, in many places, the first Soviet-appointed institutions contained a very high proportion of Jews. But as the Soviets consolidated their position in the occupied territories, they dismissed Jews and replaced them with Poles, Byelorussians and Ukrainians.

What's more, Moscow cracked down on non-Communist Jewish political organizations. The Soviets were not prepared to tolerate any form of independent Jewish political activity, as the Bund and Zionist parties, associations, clubs and trade unions were to discover. Jewish youth movements, meanwhile, were driven underground.

Regardless of ideology or occupation, Jewish communal leaders were prime targets of the Soviet secret police, whose objective was the dissolution of Jewish communal organizations. There were interrogations, arrests and deportations. Jewish leaders who managed to escape the Soviet net fled to Palestine and other countries. As a result of Moscow's Sovietization policies, the Jewish community was left effectively leaderless.

In all fairness, Moscow also fought nationalistic tendencies in the Polish, Ukrainian and Byelorussian communities. However, as Pinchuk points out, the Soviets recognized the Poles, Ukrainians and Belorussians as legitimate national entities. "Not so the Jews," he adds. "Their national aspirations were condemned and an effort was made to force them away from their distinct existence."

Jewish national aspirations condemned

Moscow's goal was to reduce as far as possible all expressions of Judaism, so that secularization and assimilation would succeed. Judaism was formally tolerated, but it was under constant pressure. Such practices as ritual slaughter, circumcision, and wedding and burial ceremonies according to Jewish law came under harsh criticism as relics of a by-gone era. Yeshivot were closed down, and their buildings became restaurants and clubs.

Observance of Shabbat was denounced, and Sunday became the official day of rest. Synagogue attendance, while not banned, was viewed almost as an expression of hostility to the new atheistic regime. Hebrew was completely prohibited in schools, cultural activites and publications.

Once the kehilla ceased to function, religious institutions, which had been funded by the community, withered. Religious functionaries, including rabbis, were left to fend for themselves.

As Pinchuk observes, the Soviet occupation impoverished the Jewish community. On Jan. 1, 1940, without warning, the Polish zloty was suddenly abolished as the legal tender. Only 300 zloty could be exchanged; the rest attained the status of Monopoly money. Many families lost their savings and the capital for running their businesses. Virtually everyone joined the ranks of the proletariat.

Under the Soviets, expressions of violent anti-Semitism were outlawed. Moscow realized that such anti-Semitism was frequently a guise for opposition to the regime.

Yet anti-Semitism among the non-Jewish population hardly dissipated. Indeed, Pinchuk writes, it may even have increased in intensity, since non-Jews often mistakenly identified the Jews with the Soviet regime.

In keeping with Soviet policy, reports of Nazi atrocities against Jews in western Poland were conspicuously absent from the Soviet Yiddish publications read by local Jews. Jewish refugees from western Poland provided accounts of yellow stars, ghettos and executions. But since public discussion of the topic was officially forbidden, the Jews were ultimately ill-prepared for the unprecedented horrors yet to come.

Soviet and German troops meet in a Polish town in 1939.

The Jewish World

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Patrick Buchanan has become the second major challenger to enter the New Hampshire Republican primary on Feb. 18. Although he concedes that his candidacy is "a very long-shot thing," some American Jews are concerned.

A syndicated newspaper columnist and former aide to President Ronald Reagan, Buchanan is the second national figure after David Duke to challenge George Bush for the Republican nomination. Duke, widely characterized as a racist, won 39 percent of the vote in the recent gubernatorial election in Louisiana.

According to a report issued by the B'nai Brith's Anti-Defamation League, Buchanan has exhibited a "disturbing pattern of baiting Jews and attacking Israel."

Last year, Buchanan touched a raw nerve when he claimed that few Americans wanted to go to war against Iraq with the notable exception of "Israel and its amen corner." American Jews were outraged by Buchanan's allegation. Subsequently, Buchanan denied he was an anti-Semite, and apologized for the remark.

Buchanan has not charged American Jews with dual loyalty, but he has implied that he would be quite tough on Israel.

Tough on Israel

As he put it recently: "I understand how American Jews can be very supportive of Israel as what came out of what happened in Europe, but they've got to understand that I am an American patriot. I believe in American national interests, and I believe in justice. And if those beliefs conflict with the foreign policy of Yitzhak Shamir and Ariel Sharon, I am going to stand up and say so..."

In his first major television appearance since he announced his candidacy, Buchanan was sharply critical of Israel's settlement policy, saying it "dispossesses the Palestinians" and "denies them basic and fundamental rights which we preach all over the world." He also called for the creation of a demilitarized Palestinian homeland that "doesn't have a single tank or a single airfield."

Buchanan is critical of foreign aid, upon which Israel is heavily dependent.

Sounding an isolationist, America First tone, Buchanan has stated: "It is time to phase out foreign aid and start looking out for the forgotten Americans right here in the United States."

According to the New York Times, Israel has been the recipient of $77 billion worth of U.S. aid since 1967 (when adjusted for inflation). In fiscal 1992, Israel expects to receive about $3 billion in assistance.

Buchanan initially aroused the ire of American Jews when, as Reagan's director of communications, he cast doubt on the wisdom of prosecuting alleged war criminals in the United States and advocated the dismantling of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations — whose task it is to prosecute war criminals.

War criminals

As well, Buchanan believes that John Demjanjuk is not Ivan the Terrible, and that Israel has perpetrated a miscarriage of justice by trying him.

Although Buchanan has nothing but disdain for David Duke, rejecting "everything" he stands for, they share an aversion to affirmative action and many of the Great Society social welfare programs enacted by President Lyndon Johnson in the 1960s.

In casting himself as a viable alternative to Bush, Buchanan has suggested that the president has abandoned conservative precepts, lost touch with the electorate and become preoccupied with world affairs, while ordinary Americans are lashed by a deepening recession.

Pundits say that Buchanan's strategy is to humiliate Bush in New Hampshire, in a replay of the 1968 Democratic primary. Twenty four years ago, Eugene McCarthy, the underdog, polled 42 percent of the vote, shocking a president whose Vietnam policy was already intensely unpopular. As a result, Johnson pulled out of the race and left the field open for another candidate.

Buchanan, however, recognizes that Bush is a fighter and intends to stay the course.

Shortages affect Cuban community

By
LARRY YUDELSON

For the 892 Jews of Cuba, the disappearance of their country's protector and patron, the Soviet Union, means pretty much what it means for the other 10 million inhabitants of the island: shortages.

"It is very, very hard for all the Cubans," Moises Asis, Cuba's lone teacher of Judaism, said in a recent interview in New York.

Asis, a scientist and writer, has travelled to the United States in recent years for training as a Jewish educator. In December, he made his first visit to Israel.

According to Asis, 83 percent of Cuban Jews live in Havana, where they suffer less than in other parts of the country from the shortages of food, clothing, electricity and fuel that plague the Communist stronghold now that the flow of rubles has stopped.

But even in the capital city, Cubans must wait in long lines for most goods. With fuel scarce, cars and buses are becoming increasingly rare sights.

This has taken a toll on Jewish communal life, which revolves around four synagogues and a community centre.

The community numbers 305 families by Asis' count, most of which include non-Jewish spouses. About 100 families buy kosher meat, but with oxen filling in for disabled tractors, "we're going to become vegetarians," said Asis.

This comes at a time when the last restrictions on Cuban Jewry are being lifted.

In October, the Communist party lifted the ban on religious believers joining the party. This had discouraged some young Jews from affiliating with the community and blocked the professional rise of those that did so identify.

But with only a minority of Cubans as party members even before the retreat of communism elsewhere in the world, these restrictions had not kept Jews from attaining high positions in the scientific community.

However, Cuba has not renounced its staunchly anti-Israel diplomatic line, being one of the 25 states that voted against the repeal of the UN General Assembly's 1975 resolution branding Zionism as racism.

Asis says the anti-Zionism party line does not bleed over into anti-Semitism. But it does restrict the entry of Jewish and Hebrew-language textbooks into the country.

This anti-Zionism dates back to 1973, when Cuba sought to lead the non-aligned bloc. Prior to that time, a residual sympathy for Israel and Zionism kept Cuba as one of the few Communist countries with ties to Israel after the Six Day War.

But in 1978, in what was touted as a gesture to the Arab delegates of the 11th World Festival of Youth and Students, President Fidel Castro closed down the Zionist Union, where Asis had studied Hebrew.

International Jewish organizations keep up close ties with the Cuban community, generally through Latin American affiliates not bound by the U.S. trade and travel embargo. The Canadian Jewish Congress sends provisions for Passover, as does a B'nai B'rith lodge in Washington. (JTA)

Organizations and People

Judaica available in CIS

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —
Western researchers have recently gained access to many important collections of Judaica in libraries and archives in the former Soviet Union that were "terra incognita for 75 years," says the head librarian of New York's YIVO Institute of Jewish Research.

Since last August's abortive Soviet coup, archival and library officials in various former Soviet republics are co-operating to an unprecedented degree with interested parties from the West, Zachary Baker said recently at the University of Toronto. "It's not a question any more of gaining access. The question is how to get at this material now that the doors are open."

The haste with which many Western individuals and institutional representatives are scrambling to get at the material "resembles the panic of a gold rush," he continued. "One element of this panic certainly has to do with a sense of precariousness. The door that was so recently opened could just as easily slam shut again."

Baker described YIVO's efforts to co-ordinate the efforts of numerous parties trying to get at the untold millions of books and documents, many unique, which provide a wealth of information about the Jews of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union before, during and after the Holocaust.

He also described attempts by YIVO, a world-famous institute of Jewish studies founded in Vilna in 1925, to acquire the part of its collection that the Nazis confiscated in 1942 and which was presumed destroyed until it resurfaced in Lithuanian archives in 1988.

At that time, YIVO requested the return of its documents as well as permission to microfilm all collections of Jewish provenance and certain collections of non-Jewish provenance relating to the Holocaust, offering microfilming equipment, photocopiers and duplicates of all microfilms in exchange.

Explaining that an agreement has not been reached, Baker said some Lithuanian authorities had misgivings about YIVO's claim to the original YIVO documents — "they preferred not to hand them over to us physically" — while others strongly objected to allowing YIVO to microfilm documents of German and Lithuanian provenance relating to the annihilation of Lithuanian Jewry. However, these discussions took place before Lithuania gained its independence, and the political climate has since improved, he said.

YIVO, which is located at 1048 Fifth Ave. in New York, is co-operating with the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and the Moscow-based Russian University of the Humanities, in a joint venture called Project Judaica, through which scores of young Russian archivists and scholars in Moscow are being trained in Judaic lore. The goal is to give them the skills needed to handle the masses of Jewish material, much of it in Yiddish and Hebrew, that generations of Soviet librarians have neglected for lack of understanding.

Bush gets praise for peace position

By
WENDOLYN KAUFFMAN

LONDON, Ont. —
To say that President George Bush and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir do not see eye to eye is an understatement, and this is not because one is about a foot taller than the other, Wendy Senor, a Washington lobbyist, said at a recent University of Western Ontario seminar.

Focusing on the ongoing Arab-Israeli peace process, the half-day seminar, sponsored by the Coalition of Western Jewish Students, attracted 140 Jewish, Christian and Arab students, as well as a number of London residents.

All three speakers shared one concern: that is, that Israel is engaging in peace talks with Arab countries that continually refuse to accept her existence.

Senor, a foreign policy advisor to two U.S. senators and a lobbyist for the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, claimed that support in Congress for Israel is high.

She said that Bush impressed people in his opening speech of the Madrid round of peace talks by saying that the United States was not there to impose its own views. Moreover, Bush used the term "territorial compromise," a code for the partial surrender by Israel of occupied territory, and not "land for peace," a code for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories.

Senor noted that on the day of the seminar (Jan. 19) two Israeli parties withdrew from Shamir's coalition. She feared that the reduction of the governing party's majority likely would lead to an election within the next few months and might directly affect the peace talks.

She also feared that the United States would become less involved with foreign problems, as the recession continued and the U.S. election got closer.

Richard Hellman, a founder and director of the Christian and Israel Public Action Campaign, was asked his opinion on Israel giving up land.

"My children don't serve in the [Israeli] army, I don't pay [Israeli] taxes, it is not my right to say. Yet, it is Israel's patrimony. Therefore they are entitled to the land."

Douglas Bloomfield, a Washington lobbyist, consultant and journalist, reviewed the lengthy history of the Arabs and Jews in the Middle East.

He stated that, after 13 years, the Arabs are trying to accept the same Camp David Accord they themselves had previously rejected. He stressed that "there are rejectionists on both sides but the only thing [they have] in common is the name [rejectionist]. Once [the Jews] reject the establishment of a 22nd Arab state, but not the other 21, the others reject a single Jewish state anywhere."

Winnipeg Hebrew U Friends helps with new campus dormitory

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
The Winnipeg Chapter of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University is launching the Live & Learn project to raise money for a new dormitory at the Hebrew University.

The Hebrew University has plans for a new dormitory complex on French Hill near the Mount Scopus campus. The five 4, 5 and 6-storey dormitories will cost about $7.5-million to build. They are urgently needed to accommodate the growing numbers of new students from the Soviet aliyah.

The university has over 1,000 Soviet Jewish students already enrolled, more than any other Israeli university and is returning hundreds more in a range of professions.

The Winnipeg chapter is committed to raising $350,000 to build one wing of one of the $1.5-million dormitories. Donors who contribute $5,000 or more to the Live & Learn project will have their names inscribed on a plaque which will be mounted at the entrance to the "Winnipeg" wing. Every donor will be given a Certificate of Appreciation and be recognized at a gala evening scheduled for Winnipeg's Centennial Concert Hall on Dec. 9.

The evening will feature Theodore Bikel and Dr. Ruth Westheimer speaking about their commitment to Israel. The Winnipeg Chapter's executive director, Bob Lapidus, notes both Westheimer and Bikel are founding members of the entertainment division of American Friends of Hebrew University.

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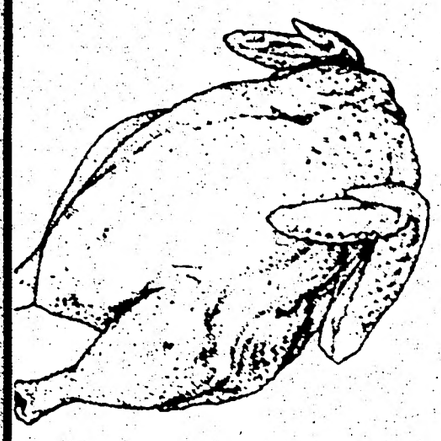

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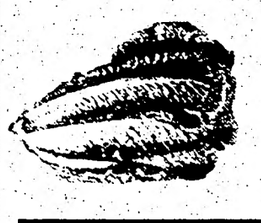

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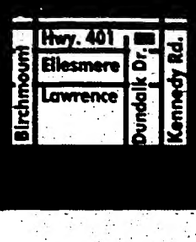

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Funding issue participants to be decided by court

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A judge of the Ontario Court of Justice is expected to rule shortly whether six organizations will be entitled to participate in a suit launched by five Jewish parents to compel the government of Ontario to fund Jewish day schools.

In two days of hearings last week, Judge W. J. Anderson heard the applications for intervenor status of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, the Metropolitan Toronto School Board, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, the Ontario Federation of Independent Schools and the Multifaith Coalition for Equity in Education.

They were seeking the right to present legal arguments (some also asked to be allowed to call evidence) in the case. The Jewish parents, backed by Canadian Jewish Congress, launched the court challenge after the New Democratic government of Ontario, like its Liberal and Conservative predecessors, refused to grant public funding to Jewish day schools while fully funding public and Roman Catholic educational institutions.

The parents argue that refusing to treat Jewish schools in the same way violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

As court convened, about 50 parents entered the University Avenue courtroom in a show of solidarity for the five who launched the case. Many wore a "FFREE" sticker on their lapels, representing Families For Religious Equality in Education, a grass-roots organization of parents opposed to what they see as a discriminatory funding practice.

Parents raise ruckus

Marci Rapp, one of the parents involved in the lawsuit, said, "I feel it is something that has to be done, as opposed to [doing] nothing. Nothing will happen in the short run unless we parents raise some ruckus."

Trudy Shecter, who heads FFREE, said parents with children in six Hebrew day schools attended the opening day of court and she invites others to contact her at 781-1847 for more information.

JEWISH FAMILY EXPO

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By
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DEADLINE REMINDER

Please note that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Feb. 6 is deadline for Feb. 20 issue and Feb. 13 is deadline for the Feb. 27 issue).

Also, remember that I am at my desk on Thursdays only, to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331.

Saturday, Feb. 8

AT ADATH ISRAEL

Noam Sachs Zion of the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, is visiting scholar-in-residence for the Third Annual Great Weekend sponsored by Adath Israel Congregation Brotherhood and adult education committee, 37 Southbourne Ave.

Zion will speak from the pulpit Saturday, Feb. 8, on Jewish Marriage as a Life of Ongoing Negotiations. Services begin at 9 a.m.

At 7:30 p.m. Zion will screen and analyze the 1956 film *East of Eden*. Cost for the evening program is $4. The community is invited to both presentations.

BETH EMETH/BETH DAVID ADULT ED

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogues' adult education committees are sponsoring a Torah Weekend, with **Rabbi Baruch Feldstern,** Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Saturday, Feb. 8. Rabbi Feldstern will deliver the sermon during morning services at Beth David, 55 Yeomans Rd., followed by Lunch and Learn (call 633-5500 for luncheon reservations). At 8 p.m. he will speak on Religious Pluralism in Israel: Strengths and Weaknesses, at Beth Emeth, 100 Elder St. Admission is free.

Sunday, Feb. 9

CANADIAN STUDENT IN JAPAN

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation's Entertainment and Cultural Connection, 470 Glencairn Ave., presents **Ian Maged,** who will describe his experience as a Canadian Jewish student of international business in Japan and recall an unusual Pesach in Tokyo.

All ages, married or single, are invited, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9. Members free, guests $2. Refreshments, conversation.

HERITAGE LANGUAGE ELECTIONS

Toronto Board of Education Heritage Languages and Concurrent Programs Committee, holds its election of community representatives 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 at JCC, main lounge, 750 Spadina Ave.

Anyone whose language or cultural heritage is Hebrew and who is a public school taxpayer in Metro Toronto or any parent/guardian with a child enrolled in the Toronto Board's Hebrew Heritage Language Program and who lives within Metro Toronto, is eligible to vote. (Full or part-time Toronto Board employees are not eligible for office). To inquire further, call 591-8355.

HOLY BLOSSOM BREAKFAST CLUB

Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club invites you to hear the temple's own **Rabbi Dow Marmur** zero in on Partnership or Separation? Reform Jews Prepare for the Next Zionist Conference, when he addresses the group, Sunday, Feb. 9. Services 9 a.m., breakfast 9:30.

VALENTINE BOUTIQUE FAIR

Golda Meir chapter, B'nai Brith Women, plans a Valentine's Boutique Fair, including prizes and silent auction, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 at Thornhil Community Centre, Bayview and John Streets. Free admission.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH SISTERHOOD

The concept of Shalom Bayit, will be explored by**Marilyn Horwich** during a breakfast meeting of Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood, 10 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 9, at 3600 Bathurst St.

VILLAGE SHUL OPEN HOUSE

Here is your chance to find out more about the Village Shul. Drop by for Open House, 1-4 p.m. Sunday Feb. 9 at 884 Eglinton Ave. W. For more details, call **Ken Stern,** 781-3682.

BETH DAVID BROTHERHOOD

Everone is welcome when **Bert Raphael,** a founder of the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada, addresses Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood, 55 Yeomans Rd., Sunday, Feb. 9 at breakfast, 9:15 a.m. Cost is $3 per person.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BREAKFAST

Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club invites you to hear lawyer **Felice C. Kirsh** discuss Protecting Your Estate From Litigation, 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 at 470 Glencairn Ave. Admission free.

BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

Soviet Jewry Viewed From Moscow, will be examined by University of Toronto's **Prof. Henry Weinberg,** at Beth Tzedec Synagogue Men's Club, 1700 Bathurst St., Sunday, Feb. 9. Breakfast (nominal charge) 9:30 a.m., speaker 10 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Monday, Feb. 10

SHOULD JEWS SEEK CONVERTS?

New Leadership, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, presents a debate between author/broadcaster **Dennis Prager** and **Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet,** Should Jews Seek Converts? 7:45 p.m., Monday, Feb. 10 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

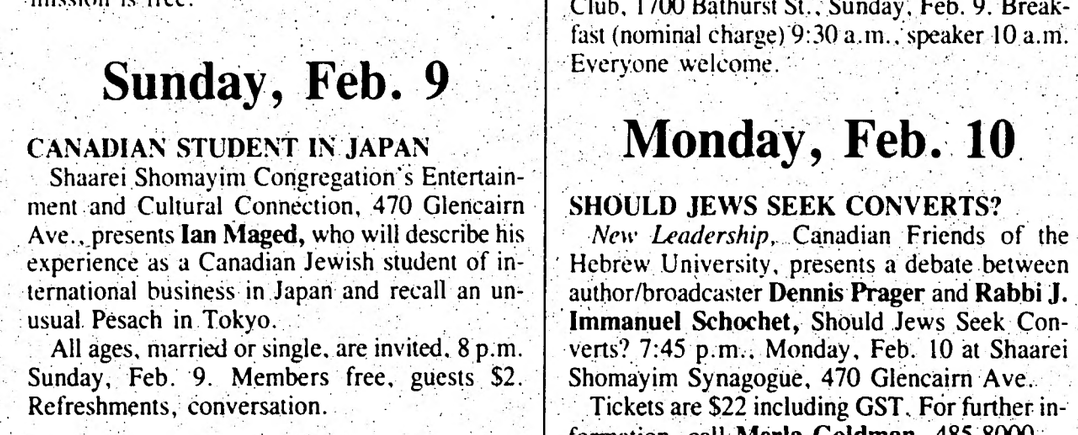
Tickets are $22 including GST. For further information, call **Merla Goldman,** 485-8000.

HOLISTIC LECTURE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood, 100 Elder St., invites you to a general meeting, 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, to hear **Dr. Mel Borins** lecturer of family and community medicine, University of Toronto, author of *An Apple a Day - An Holistic Approach to Health*. Admission is $2 members, $3 guests. Refreshments. For more information, call 633-3838.

BETH TIKVAH ADULT ED.

Beth Tikvah Synagogue adult education and Sephardi World comittees, 3080 Bayview Ave., invite you to a screening of the Israeli film, *Kazablan*, (English subtitles) followed by a discussion with York University **Prof. John Stuart Katz,** 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10.



ICRF BALL

Attending the Israel Cancer Research Fund's Tower of Hope Ball in New York were (from left) Roberta Rothman, executive director; Earl Ubell, WCBS-TV health and science editor, who was master of ceremonies and for whom ICRF named a cancer research fellowship; Sydney and Richard Krelstein, co-chairmen of the Toronto chapter, ICRF; with executive vice-president Barry Judelman. ICRF has awarded over $11 million to 690 Israeli scientists in pursuit of a cancer cure.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

SELMA SAGE AT NCJW

Selma Sage probes Dimensions of Love in the Bible, at a National Council of Jewish Women Toronto section meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 in Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Members free, $5 non-members.

EVANGELICAL THREAT

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism in conjunction with Adath Israel, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations, welcomes the community to an evening focusing on The Evangelical Threat to the Jewish Community, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

HOLY BLOSSOM STUDY GROUP

Holy Blossom Temple Tuesday Morning Study Group continues with a talk on Jewish Peddlars, by PhD candidate **Deena Nathanson,** 9:45-11:30 a.m. Feb. 6. Babysitting is available. For additional information contact **Rhonda,** 663-3812.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

ORGAN TRANSPLANTS

NISHMA continues its lecture series on Torah and Human Wisdom, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 at the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St., when CHAT guidance director, **Rabbi Chaim Sacknovitz,** probes a sensitive issue, Your Heart or Mine, Organ Transplants and Halachah.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The To Life Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly, 8 p.m. Wednesdays, at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. (north of York Mills Road). This is the only chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous in Toronto that meets in a synagogue or a Jewish organization. For more information, contact **Rabbi Steven Cohen,** 229-2600.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

A Sephardi program comemmorating the expulsion of Spanish Jews in 1492, will be offered by The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework in co-operation with Beth Tikvah artists at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12.

HOLY BLOSSOM MUSICAL HERITAGE

On Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m., the Musical Heritage series at Holy Blossom Temple continues with The Russian-Jewish Connection: Hebrew Music on Jewish Themes, a concert recognizing Jewish Russian musical talent in the Toronto community. The University of Western Ontario Symphony Orchestra conducted by **Jerome Summers,** will accompany the artists.

Thursday, Feb. 13

MEDINA THEATRE ENSEMBLE

Medina Theatre Ensemble presents Movie Showman, a history of Canadian film, with commentary by an eminent film personality, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at Holy Blossom Temple. Admission is $5. Refreshments.

MORAL MEDICAL DILEMMAS

Chabad Lubavitch takes a contemporary look at Moral Dilemmas in Modern Medicine, with Ben Gurion University's **Prof. Velvel Green,** 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at 770 Chabad Gate. Cost is $5 per person. Refreshments.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

TJAD PARTY

Don't miss the TJAD (Toronto Jewish Association of the Deaf) 10th anniversary party celebration - hot buffet, entertainment, dancing, disc jockey, door prizes, 7:15 p.m.- 1 a.m., at Beth Emeth Synagogue, 100 Elder St., Saturday, March 7.

Cost is $50 per couple, $30 single. Deadline to reserve seats is Friday, Feb. 28. Send a cheque payable to: Toronto Jewish Association of the Deaf and mail to **Alan Cheifetz,** 755 York Mills Rd., Apt. 504b.

For more information, contact **Adam Arnold,** 864-1547 TDD or 1-800-267-6600 BRS.

PASSOVER MITZVAH

The Rebecca Sisterhood of Shaarei-Beth El Congregation, Oakville, is establishing a registry of families willing to share their first seder with others who have no seder to attend. If you can share your seder, please contact **Wilma Tankus,** 634-9622 or **Karen Smith,** 338-1814.

BAYCREST PALLIATIVE CARE

The Palliative Care Unit of Baycrest Centre is looking for caring volunteers. You are genuinely needed. Four weeks of intensive training is provided. If you are interested in joining the team, please call 785-2850.

MISSION

Baila Aspler of Montreal, (right), president of Emunah Women of Canada, and Roslyn Schneidman, national executive vice-president of the women's organization, are seen in Jerusalem at the completion of a Dedication Mission to Emunah facilities throughout Israel. One hundred participants from Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Halifax, joined in the tour.

NEW MEMBERS FOR NCJW

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, welcomes newcomers to participate in service, education and social action programs. Enjoy the camaraderie of new friends while working with the elderly, disabled, children, new immigrants, literacy and English as a second language classes.

For information re: general membership or membership in a study group, call 633-5100.

YOUNG CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Chris and Ken Whitely and the Junior Jug Band will entertain at a children's concert, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 in Holy Blossom Temple. Tickets are $5 in advance (available at Holy Blossom, 1950 Bathurst St., Toronto, M5P 3K9) or $7 at the door.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., is now accepting registration for its courses. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 15 sessions.

All courses are under the supervision of **Joseph Klinger.** For consultation and registration, call him at 781-3571.

NISHMA CHABURA

NISHMA continues its Chabura. The chaburot meet monthly to discuss Jewish topics but will allow time for socializing. The objective is to study with intensity, but in a setting of friendship and camaraderie. For more details, contact NISHMA, 490-9669.

HEART & STROKE MONTH

February is Heart and Stroke Month. Death rates from heart disease have decreased 50 percent in 40 years. Funds raised throughout the year and during the annual campaign go to research and education which help to lower deaths and disability. Please remember this when you are asked to contribute.

BETH TZEDEC STUDY LUNCHEON

Prof. Arnold Ages will define The Legacy of a Noble Path, The Jews of Spain from Glory to Expulsion, when he speaks at the Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon, at noon, following services, Saturday, Feb. 15. Reservations should be made no later than Feb. 11. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Call 781-3511.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF MARKHAM

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill, offers a variety of lectures.

The Sunday morning men's program embarks on Soul Searching; Mastering the Art of Prayer; Morning Prayers at a Relaxed Pace; Body and Soul, Breakfast and Food for Thought; Beginner's Talmud.

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Organizations and People

What's New

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Monday evenings for men and women explore A Mystical Journey Through the Bible and, What Do the Rabbis Say?

Wednesday evenings for men and women continue with Dimensions in Jewish Thought; Beginner's Hebrew (fee $30), Customized Learning Program for Men; Equality and Equability for Women.

For specific details about these lectures, call 731-7000.

Kabbalah II, is a six-week course with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin,** 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings, beginning Feb. 4 at 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. Call 886-0420.

And, you are invited to join in a Shabbaton including a farbrengen with the Lubavitcher Rebbe, at Lubavitch World Headquarters, Brooklyn, N.Y., Feb. 21-23. Joy, singing, dancing, Shabbat meals, Feb. 21-23. Cost, including bus, accommodation at the Crown Palace Hotel and all meals, is $250. To inquire, call 731-7000.

TEL-AIDE

Do you have some free time, feel you can commit to being a sensitive non-judgmental phone listener? If so, you could apply to train as a volunteer for Tel-Aide, the Jewish Distress Line. Minimum commitment is six months. Please call 636-9610 to apply.

TRIVIA NIGHT

BAYT Sisterhood, Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, presents a general Trivia Night, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15. Sisterhood members $10 per person, non-members $15. Couples, $18 members, $25 non-members.

Melava Malka will be served. RSVP. 771-6711.

KLONDIKE CASINO NIGHT

Seven service clubs are joining forces to sponsor Klondike Casino Night for Touchstone Youth Centre, to be held at Fantasy Farm, 50 Pottery Rd., from 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22. The centre, in East York, is an emergency shelter for homeless youth age 16-20.

Enjoy dancing, a late buffet dinner, games, prizes and a silent auction.

For tickets, $40 each or $70 a pair, call **Denise,** 696-6932 (between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.)

PROJECT OTZMA

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is looking for committed young adults to spend a volunteer year in Israel. If you are between 18-24 years, motivated and ready to experience the challenges of Israel, then Project Otzma is for you. For details on this special fellowship program, come to an information session 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 at the Lipa Green Building, or call 635-2883, ext. 149.

NY SYMPHONY AT POSLUNS

The second of two Masterpiece concerts by the North York Symphony, features concertmaster **Morry Kernerman** in a program which includes **Auber's** *Bronze Horse Overture*, **Tchaikowsky's** *Symphony No. 5*, and **Bruch's** *Violin Concerto in G Minor*, at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20. Box office, 630-6752.

OHR SOMAYACH/JEP SHABBATON

On Feb. 21-22, Ohr Somayach/JEP hosts a Shabbaton, chassidic style. Just Within Our Grasp: A Chassidic Encounter With the Infinite, features **Rabbi Mordechai Twerski,** dean of the Talmudic Research Institute, Denver, and his wife, **Suri.** The Shabbaton includes a Friday night Oneg Shabbos, buffet-style lunch, a complete Shalosh Seudos and more. The rebbetzin will lead a special women's program.

It all happens at Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. Tickets are $25 to Feb. 13 and $30 to Feb. 19. For more information, call 886-5730.

MORE, AT OHR SOMAYACH/JEP

Judaism, Theory and Practice, a lecture-workshop, begins soon at Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill. Call 785-5899 to register.

LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

Gay Jewish Men Living With HIV/Aids, meet bi-monthly for discussions wih a Jewish focus. For additional information call **Hyla,** 698-4931 or **Michael,** 532-2089.

VENDORS WANTED

Petah Tikva Congregation, 20 Danby Ave., is seeking vendors for a Sunday Shopping Spree, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m., Feb. 23. For further information, call **Mary,** 636-4719 or **Rafi,** 926-9631.

at the JCC

Call the JCC Singles Hotline, 889-5101, for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

Registration is underway for the Tic Tac Two program for 2-year-olds at the North Y JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. Program runs for 30 weeks from October 1992. To inquire further, call **Bibi Golberg,** 636-1880, ext. 250.

Parenting is hard work. Six sessions will be held on Thursdays at the North Y with a family life educator from Jewish Family and Child Service, beginning Feb. 6. To inquire, call Bibi Golberg, 636-1880, ext. 250.

The Bloor Y's Adult Department, 750 Spadina Ave., is introducing a two-day Latin-American Dance Workshop, 2-4 p.m. Sunday Feb. 9 and 16. Cost is $40. Registration and payment by Thursday, Feb. 6.

Bloor Y presents, I'm All Stressed Out, a one-day workshop teaching positive stress management, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16. Cost is $20. Registration necessary. For these two programs, call **Luni,** 924-6211.

Bloor Y invites you to the play, *Guarding the Garden*, performed by the Teva Theatre Troupe, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16. For free tickets, call **Luni,**. 924-6211.

North/East Valley offers duplicate bridge every Monday evening, 7-11.30 p.m. Cost is $3 per session. This is for members. For additional information, call **Nurit,** 889-0813.

for seniors

LZA Senior Citizens Club: daily activities continue with cards, games, light lunches, at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets 7:30-9:30 every Wednesday evening at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. On Feb. 12 there will be a lecture in Hebrew.

Register by Feb. 11 at the **Wagman Centre** office, 55 Ameer Ave. for a two-part series on the Healthy Heart, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 12 and 19. Free to members and residents, $2 guests. For more information, call 789-5131, ext. 2267.

Enjoy a musical program with **Piotr** and **Liliana Piotrowski,** 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, in the Wagman Centre assembly room. The centre's Minimal Vision Program offers Activities of Daily Living, with a CNIB rehab teacher, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10.

Join the **Bloor Y's Good Age Club,** 750 Spadina Ave., 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 when the Rockettes perform. Coffee and bagels. Admission is $1.

At the **JCC North Y,** 4588 Bathurst St., **Fay Kellerstein** sings Hebrew, Yiddish and English, at a luncheon, Tuesday, Feb. 11. Call **Teme Kernerman,**636-1880, ext. 364, for details.

Earl Bales Seniors Club holds a Saturday Night Dance in the clubhouse, 7-10 p.m. Feb. 8. Members free, $1 non-members. Dance to a live band Sunday, Feb. 16, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the community centre. Members $3 per person, non-members $4. For information on several upcoming trips as well as ongoing activities and courses, call 636-7856.

At Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., reservations will be taken Monday and Wednesday mornings for various theatre outings. For details on these and ongoing programs, call **Lena,** 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923.

Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donation goes to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield,** 787-1526.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Helen Issenberg,** 223-2112.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 9. Cost, *members $3.50, non-members $4.*

About People

TEMPLE SINAI EXECUTIVE

Temple Sinai members recently elected its executive officers. They are **Alan C. Snider,** president; **Irving Fine,** executive vice-president; **Murray Perelman,** first vice-president; **Stephen Morrison,** second vice-president; David Applebaum, financial secretary; **Victor Royce,** secretary; and **Gerald Prenick,** treasurer. Immediate past president is **Dr. Harvey Zimmerman.**

FELLOWSHIP FOR BARRY SCHWARTZ

From Atlanta, Georgia, comes word that former Torontonian **Barry Schwartz** has been awarded the Council of Jewish Federations Carmi Fellowship which enables a member of the CJF professional staff to spend a mini-sabbatical in Israel.

Schwartz proposes to study current federation economic development initiatives in Israel and hopes his examination will serve as a catalyst for bold new directions.

He joined the CJF staff in 1985 and currently services a portfolio of communities in the southeastern United States including New Orleans, Birmingham, Memphis, Nashville and the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Schwartz and his wife, **Judith,** live in Marietta, Georgia, with their daughters, **Shoshana** and **Rachel.**

B'NAI BRITH AWARD

Zelda Young, (centre) receives a special service award from B'nai Brith Canada, in recognition of her work promoting Jewish culture and tradition through her weekly TV show, Tapestry and her weekly radio show, The Jewish Hour. Zelda maintains the dedication of her late father, Sam Yuchtman, a pioneer in Jewish broadcasting. (From left), Pearl Gladman, national director, field services BBC and Michael Kates, community volunteer chairman.

GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION

(From left) Dr. J. Dimitry, national chairman, Canadian Society for Yad Vashem and Miriam Gelbloom, chairman, Warsaw Ghetto Exhibition, present a plaque to Helen and Philip Daniels (right) in appreciation of their generous contribution to the exhibition. The society thanks all those who supported the exhibition and continue to support Yad Vashem.

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Organizations and People

Senior Care receives grant for palliative care training

NORTH YORK —

Senior Care, a non-profit, social service agency serving the Jewish community, has received a significant grant to develop one of Ontario's first palliative care training programs for home service workers.

Senior Care was prompted to develop the training program after it noticed an increase, over the past five years, in the number of terminally-ill clients who choose to die at home. To grant this choice, their caregivers require specialized home service workers who work with community professionals, to both provide bedside care and manage household tasks.

"Our goal is to develop a comprehensive palliative care training program, which will ultimately equip home service workers, not only within the Jewish community but across the province, with the practical skills to help people live as comfortably as possible, during their final days," said Michael Scheinert, executive director for Senior Care.

The agency's program will entail: an extensive needs assessment study; development of a training manual and video designed to enhance home service workers' skills; thorough training of its own home service workers; and the introduction of a specialized counselling and group support program.

To keep abreast of current issues in this field, Senior Care is an active member of the Toronto Community Palliative Care Project, headed by Dr. Frank Ferris, a palliative care specialist at Mount Sinai Hospital. "This type of supportive care service is clearly a priority as more people choose to spend their final days at home," said Ferris. "The service will bridge the gap between the medical profession and the day-to-day support provided by Home Service Workers who now will be trained in this specialized field of care."

As a member of the Ontario Association of Visiting Homemaker Services (OAVHS), Senior Care received funding for this initiative from the Trillium Foundation — an organization formed to help fund voluntary social service organizations through proceeds from the Ontario Lottery Corporation.

"It's vital for home service workers working with the terminally ill to receive specialized training through a home service organization, like Senior Care, so they can sensitively meet the increased personal care demands and psychological needs for these individuals and families," said Jean Young, OAVHS president.

The role of the visiting homemaker is invaluable in supporting persons with terminal illness at home according to Marie Lund, president, Home Care Program For Metropolitan Toronto. "The contribution that a homemaker makes to the palliative care patient has been more than attested to by family caregivers since we have instituted the palliative homemaking policy. The education program can only enhance this contribution."

As part of its counselling and case management service, Senior Care's plans include a specialized counselling and group support program for palliative care clients and their families.

"Terminally-ill clients and their families often require some degree of support during the illness and through the bereavement period," said Joyce Fleiser, director of special services for Senior Care. "It may simply be a matter of linking a family with the best community resources or it may call for Senior Care to provide individual and family counselling and/or support groups."

The 18-year-old Jewish community-based agency has a unique team of 45 staff professionals with social work, counselling and nursing degrees, combined with more than 200 home service workers available to address the myriad of issues and problems that involve supporting a senior citizen or adult with disabilities at home. Service can range from a few hours a week to 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Shipman heads to ministry post

Lorne Shipman

TORONTO —

Lorne Shipman is leaving his post as regional director of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights, effective Feb. 7.

Shipman, who began at the League in 1987 as a project co-ordinator, is headed to the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat (OARS), the branch of the provincial Ministry of Citizenship and Human Resources that oversees race relations.

In 1989, Shipman became Ontario regional director of the League. In that post, he has authored the last four annual audits of anti-Semitic incidents in the province.

He has also guided the League in its fight against hate groups and skinhead activity.

Shipman, 28, organized the League's response to two neo-Nazi rallies over the 1989 and 1990 Canada Day weekends, and was involved in efforts to prevent the public speaking engagements of British Holocaust revisionist David Irving.

Shipman also acted as the League's regional spokesman and served as liaison to other ethno-cultural communities.

As a policy analyst at OARS, Shipman will help the government prepare a new anti-racism strategy.

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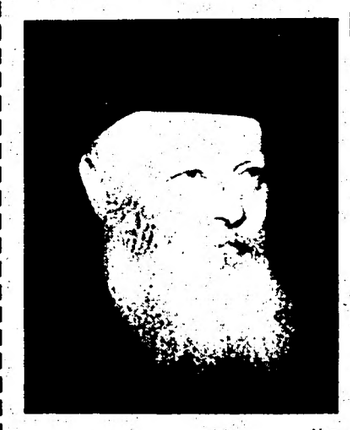
at World Lubavitch Headquarters, Brooklyn, N.Y.



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Metro Toronto Singles and Tower Travel presents our 2nd annual **Singles Rendezvous in Israel**. March 25-April 8. Meet singles from around the world. For information **222-7111**. 8579

Valentine's Celebration Party
All Ladies Free!!!!

Wiseblatt, Goldstein, Cohen and Rubenstein invite all singles to an unbelievable sweetheart of a party at the fabulous Key West Sports Cafe, 5150 Yonge Street (3 lights north of Sheppard at the North York City Centre, concourse level). Thursday, February 13th. 8:00pm. Door cover $10.00, but all ladies free, free, free!!! The kitchen will be open for 20 cent wings all night. For details or directions, call Key West Hotline 250-8977. Leave this night open to meet your sweetheart!!!

P.S. Underground parking off Parkhome will be validated. 8435

Atideynu Lodge (20's and 30's) presents General Meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 1992. 7:30pm. 15 Hove Street. Guest speaker, topic **"Dating in the 90's"**. Members, free admission, non-members $4.00. Contact Shari, 222-0272. 8463

L.Goodman, C.Usher, D.Kerbel present "La Party", our biggest one yet!!! With the incredible sounds of **"Reflections"**. Thursday, February 6th, 1992, 8:00pm. **Merlins Nightclub** (Camelot Restaurant). 759 Mount Pleasant Road (just South of Eglinton). $12.00 cover. Dinner reservations available 486-8147. Grand prize: Trip for 2 to Atlantic City courtesy of Travel 24 Inc. and Atlantic City Getaways. **A donation to The Children's Wish Foundation will be made.** 8390

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Shelly Feld (left), chairman of the Coalition of Western Jewish Students, joins Jo-Anne Schneeweiss, vice-chairman of the Coalition of Western Jewish Students, holding the club banner outside the re-creation of an Israeli sealed room.

Western Jewish students mark Gulf War's anniversary

By
RACHEL SKLAR

LONDON, Ont. —
Although one year has passed, the impact of the War in the Gulf is still felt by Jewish students at the University of Western Ontario, where a Gulf War Commemoration was held Jan. 16. Organized by the Coalition of Western Jewish students, the anniversary ceremony featured a representation of a sealed room, over 30 hours of Gulf War footage from CNN, and a powerful photographic exhibit taken in Israel during Scud attacks.

Above the exhibit hung the flags of Israel and Canada, urging Canadians, Jews, and Canadian Jews to remember the events of the war in the Persian Gulf.

Shelley Feld, chairman of Coalition, spoke out against Iraqi aggression and the persecution of Israel.

"Israel watched in silence as other powers fought to liberate Kuwait. Yet Israel was the only target of Iraqi reprisals."

Feld delivered his impassioned speech as Coalition executive member Jordan Feld sat in silence within the sealed room, wearing a gas mask as had his Israeli counterparts. He warned against the false sense of security that accompanied the Allied victory.

"The world has forgotten the Palestinian alliance with Saddam as they danced on their rooftops, welcoming Iraqi attacks. They have ignored Syrian acquisitions of 150 new Scuds." Feld implored those gathered "not to forget."

Forgetting was impossible in the midst of the familiar videotape and the detailed photographs exhibited by Kenny Hotz and Darren Levant, two students who travelled to Israel during the Scud attacks.

Hotz, a student of Media Arts at Ryerson, was offered a press card and "a chance to join my family under siege."

"I couldn't say no. I'm not a soldier, but I wanted to fight with my camera."

Levant, who has studied across the United States, described his experience as "the best possible education."

"When we stepped off the plane, we realized that this was it. Twelve hours ago we had been glued to the TV set. This was real life."

Both speak fluent Hebrew, which they felt allowed them to "capture what other journalists missed."

"We were two Canadian Jewish kids looking at the Gulf War from the Israeli people's point of view," said Levant. Added Hotz: "We were looking at life behind the mask."

Some of the pictures displayed included graphic photos depicting the wreckage of Tel Aviv, the grief of families, a child with a smoking gun, and a Scud falling over Tel Aviv.

Levant and Hotz spent approximately six weeks in Israel, present for 30 of the 39 Scud missile attacks.

"We would run to the roof every time the alarm sounded," said Levant. "We felt guilty watching Scuds falling. They were good for us, but disaster for the country we loved. We were terrified." The persistent fear of chemical and nuclear attack underlaid "every thought," and they were never far from their gas masks.

"We felt a feeling in our guts," said Hotz. "For the first time ever, someone was trying to kill us."

The commemoration ceremony included many speakers, including Avi Pollock, a student at Hebrew University during last January's missile attacks; Joanne Schneeweiss, who spoke on behalf of oppressed Syrian Jewry, and Dan Senor, who recalled innocent Iraqi civilians under a ruthless dictator.

Feld expressed hope for the current Middle East peace process, calling for "a true peace which will make the horrible memories of a year ago nothing but bitter, distant memories once and for all."

Soviet immigrant has bar mitzvah

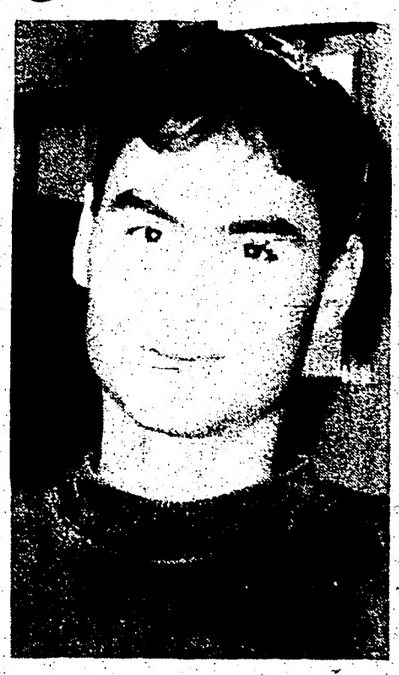
By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
While every bar mitzvah is a special event, Dmitry Riftin's was more meaningful than most.

The 17-year-old became the first Jewish immigrant from the former Soviet Union to attend Winnipeg's Jewish high school, Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate (JWC), to have a bar mitzvah.

The Riftin family arrived in Winnipeg from Kiev by way of Italy about three years ago. In Kiev, there were few opportunities to learn about Judaism. Riftin says his first contact with Judaism was at a Jewish school he attended in Italy. The school was run by Chassidim. "I thought Judaism was all about beards and black coats," he says.

In Winnipeg, his parents enrolled Riftin and his younger sister, Jana, in JWC so they would know "who and what we were." The decision to have a bar mitzvah, he says, was his own.



Dmitry Riftin

"My parents were supportive but they left the decision to me. They didn't want to pressure me. I thought it was the right thing to do. I started getting ready for it while still in Italy. Last summer, I finally felt I was ready."

Riftin first approached JWC vice-principal Chaim Shiel last spring about having a circumcision. Shiel was fully supportive and encouraged him to follow that with a bar mitzvah ceremony. Riftin studied for the ceremony with Cantor Gerry Daien.

On a Tuesday morning recently, with his mother and sister (his father was unable to be there) and all his classmates in attendance, Riftin was called to the Torah. At the appropriate time he was showered with candies. Following the service, there was a kiddush, hugs and a present from his classmates, Israeli dancing and music.

Riftin says he is happy to have been able to finally fulfil the mitzvahs of circumcision and bar mitzvah which he didn't have a chance to do before.

There are about 10 other students at JWC from the former Soviet Union. Vice-principal Shiel hopes some of them will also choose to have bar mitzvahs.

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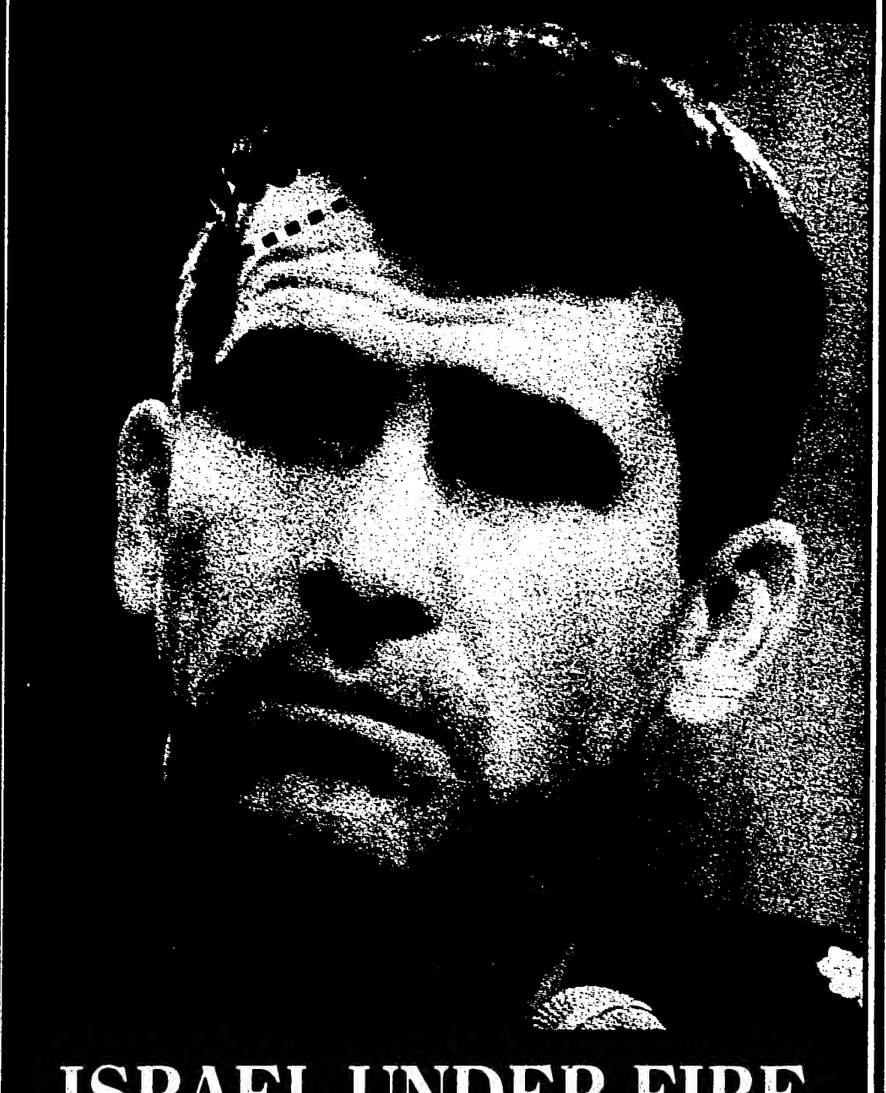

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Workbook designed to help Alzheimer's patients

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Marlene Sachter believes that there should be more to life than just looking out the window for some of her family members and other cognitively impaired people. So she created a painting activity workbook that stimulates creativity and enhances the impaired person's communications ability in an unthreatening way.

"I wanted to create a gentle bridge between family members, friends, caregivers and a person with whom and for whom interaction and communications have become difficult, either through Alzheimer's Disease or other cognitive impairments," says Sachter.

Referring to the impaired as "special people," Sachter says that out of desperation she searched for ways to fill the long hours for these people. She began experimenting with projects that would create communication with them and at the same time help them prolong their residual skills.

Working with impaired individuals, Sachter realized that many can relate positively to adult memories. Through further experimentation, she created *The Happy Book for Special People*, a workbook with large black and white drawings which are to be colored in one sitting or over a period of time.

A short statement on a happy theme accompanies each drawing. The drawings and simple statements are avenues for recall of pleasant happenings in their adult past.

Sachter explains that the lines of the drawings are purposely very thick so the "artist" can easily color within the edges or certainly appear to do so. Presented in a 8½ inch by 14 inch format, the workbook has 10, two-sided pages on card stock.

Lettering uneven, informal

"The finished painting, — to whatever degree — results in a sense of accomplishment and delight," says Sachter. "These are not usual ingredients in a special person's life."

The lettering with the drawing is uneven and informal, in hand-lettered easy-read print style. The subjects of the drawings evoke memories from the past and reinforce a repetitive and positive conclusion with the words, "That makes me happy."

The special person can work alone or with the assistance of a family member, friend or caregiver. Sachter says that "the happy past experiences help ease the shared suffering and open new ways to communicate positively and comfortably without the often-experienced frustrations."

Some of the topics included in the workbook are, To watch the trees and flowers grow, To cook wonderful food in my kitchen, To be in the park on a warm sunny day, To gossip with friends, To hold and kiss and be held and kissed, and many others.

Sachter says the reaction to the *Happy Book* has been "astonishing." One severely impaired individual, who is unable to communicate, began grumbling and making noises while she watched another resident painting. She was given a felt pen and a worksheet and to the surprise of the staff, she spent more than half an hour happily working on a picture at her own level.

The Happy Book for Special People is available through The Alzheimer Society for Metropolitan Toronto, 980 Yonge St., Suite 301, Toronto, Ont., M4W 2J5, or telephone (416) 966-0700. The cost is $7.50 plus postage and handling.

Marlene Sachter (left) guides a woman with Alzheimer's Disease to color a picture in Sachter's The Happy Book for Special People.

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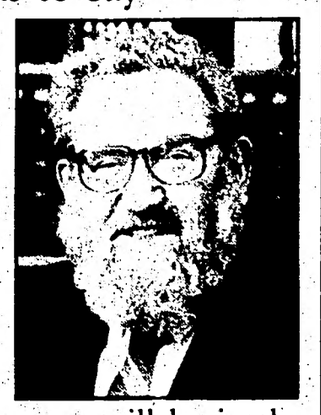

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Settlements in Israel expected to continue

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Israel will not stop building settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the country's tourism minister said in a tough-sounding talk here before an Israel Bonds luncheon for lawyers and accountants.

Gideon Patt

"We don't think we should agree with a demand that Jews cannot live anywhere in the world," said Gideon Patt, a member of the governing Likud coalition.

The United States wants Israel to freeze the building of Jewish settlements in the territories, in return for $10 billion in U.S. loan guarantees.

"We cannot be flexible [on settlements]. There are other issues that await us, that will give us more trouble," Patt said.

Two of those issues are the status of Jerusalem and the right of return to Israel of Palestinians who lived there prior to 1948, or their descendants.

While Jerusalem is "non-negotiable," Patt said Palestinians being allowed to return to Israel "would be a death sentence for us."

Jordan, for one, would not allow the return of pre-1948 Palestinians because they would flood the country, Patt said.

Neither will Israel accept a solution calling for a Palestinian state between it and Jordan, he added.

Patt said he doubts anything positive will arise from the peace talks with Syria.

"You don't teach an old dog new tricks."

On the other hand, he said Israel's talks with the joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation "may get somewhere."

Israel agreed to peace talks with the hope that the United States would act as an honest broker, Patt remarked.

"I don't want to be impolite, but your neighbor to the south is not living up to expectations. When there's a problem, we are blamed for it.

"But who really cares? For us, it's not whether we're popular but how Israel will look in 400 years."

He called on the United States and Canada to "show more patience" with Israel and keep criticism of the Jewish state in "closed rooms."

He added that Israel may embark on a rescue of Jews in the Muslim republics of the former Soviet Union.

Patt touted the new Canadian Variable Rate Interest Israel bond and reported that in 1991, Israel Bonds sold a record $993 million (U.S.) worldwide.

Arab, Jewish students engage in meaningful talk

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Both Jewish and Arab students showed up to hear Israeli consul general Oren David speak on the current peace process as part of York University's Jewish Student Federation's recent Israel Week.

A question and answer period following the talk, as might be expected, had a number of heated moments, but what was striking for a first-timer at such an event was the fact that Arab and Jewish students were talking and listening to each other in a more or less reasonable way, that the students knew each other by name, and that they lingered afterward to continue talking.

Student leaders, both Arab and Jewish, told *The CJN* that they felt nothing was accomplished by such meetings, as each side was unlikely to change its views.

David, despite being put on the hot seat, had "a very good feeling" about the event. "I think it's very positive that Arabs and Jews keep on speaking to each other. I think it's very important to hear what the other side has to say," he told *The CJN*.

David began his talk by spelling out some of the lessons of last year's Gulf War and debunking anti-Israel propaganda.

While Israel is willing to take risks in its stride for peace, said David, even one mistake could prove fatal. Israel, for one thing, is up against the hypocrisy (which David decried as not being a strong enough word) of Palestinians in the territories, Iraq and Jordan who cheered deliberate missile attacks on civilian centres in Israel, yet at the same time became enraged over the Allies' bombardment of a military bunker that left in its wake unintended Iraqi civilian casualties.

Another example of Arab propaganda, said David, is the comparison of Israeli administration of the territories to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, an unprovoked attack in contrast to Israel's act of victory against Jordan's 1967 attack. Furthermore, said David, the territories in question were not annexed by Israel, as Kuwait was by Iraq.

Oren David [Frances Kraft photo]

"The fact that Israel is the only parliamentary western democracy in that part of the world has further increased the cultural and political gap which has been fuelling the Israeli-Arab conflict.

The fundamental problem, according to David, is that Arabs refuse to come to terms with Israel's existence.

Despite "lots of hurdles," David said, "we believe peace is still possible." The peace talks are built around three simultaneous "circles" of negotiations, David told the students: bilateral negotiations between Israel and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation regarding the territories, bilateral negotiations between Israel and Syria and Lebanon, and multi-lateral negotiations to discuss matters of mutual concern such as environmental problems, pollution, water shortage and disarmament.

The current talks regarding the territories are meant to lead to a five-year interim solution (autonomous rule), said David. Within three years of autonomous rule, negotiations for a permanent arrangement are scheduled to be undertaken. "Those three years are crucial for building trust and better understanding."

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Organizations and People

JNF blue boxes turn 90

JERUSALEM —

The Jewish National Fund's blue boxes went on exhibition recently as part of the year-long events marking the organization's 90th anniversary.

Inaugurated in 1902 as one of JNF's first fundraising devices to redeem the national homeland, "the small box with the big idea" was the brainchild of one Haim Kleinman, a bank clerk from Galicia. Capturing Jewish hearts as well as purses, it caught on so quickly that by the interwar period, an estimated million boxes were to be found in Jewish homes around the world.

Yet their significance lay not only in the funds they generated, which perforce were limited, but mostly in their educational and ideological value, uniting and rallying the far-flung Jewish people around a single idea — the return to Zion.

As JNF's fourth world chairman Menahem Ussishkin, put it: "It's not the donor that gives to Keren Kayemet, but, rather the fund that gives to the donor . . . an earthly foothold and a heavenly ideal."

So powerful was this ideal that Bernard Bucholdt, for example, chose his blue box as the one item the Nazis permitted the Lodz Jews to take with them on their "journey" to Auschwitz, where he kept it hidden under the floorboards. "It was my mezuzah," says Bucholdt. "To me it was the entire Jewish people and my entire Jewish heritage."

Jewish families all over the world made it a tradition to drop a coin into their blue boxes every Sabbath eve. School children and Zionist youth took to the streets to canvass passers-by on JNF campaign days.

And yet, today, an entire generation is growing up that "knows not the blue box" — much to the disappointment of their parents, who look back in nostalgia.

"I asked my 10-year-old son what the blue box is, and he thought I was talking about a new kind of television," says Israel Radio's Muli Shapira.

The renewed interest generated by the blue box exhibition has brought a flood of letters pouring into JNF's head office in Jerusalem asking that the boxes be revived. And efforts are being made to do so, according to JNF world chairman Moshe Rivlin.

"In certain countries, the blue box is still a firm institution. Forty percent of JNF's income in Australia, for example, derives from it. The United Kingdom held a 'National blue box Redemption Day' in July. I hope that the 90th anniversary year will spur the restoration of the blue box to schools, classrooms and Jewish homes."

Meanwhile, its changing forms (it was not always box-shaped, let alone blue) and relative scarcity in recent years has made the blue box a collector's item. A box belonging to JNF's second world chairman, Max Bodenheimer, and preserved by his daughter, Hannah, was recently assessed for insurance purposes to the tune of $50,000! It closely resembles the one Theodor Herzl, the father of the Zionist Movement, took for his office straight off the production line in 1904.

"The small box with the big idea." JNF's blue box was not always blue or box shaped.

Hutner bursary helps social work students

TORONTO —

Florence Hutner, who died last month, will continue to be linked with social work, as a result of a bursary established in her name in 1964.

The Florence Hutner Bursary was established by the United Jewish Welfare Fund, where she served as executive director in the 1940s, to honor her and to provide income to a student in financial need proceeding to a master of social work degree in community practice.

Over the years it has been awarded to 19 recipients. The bursary will continue, through the generosity of family, friends and colleagues.

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ORT's Encore Circle co-chairmen, Harriet Morton and Dorothy Shoichet (rear, from left) with Monica Miller, the talented jewelry design student at George Brown College who won ORT's design competition for the Encore Circle pin which will be worn by supporters of ORT's "planned giving" program.

George Brown student receives award from ORT for best design

TORONTO —

ORT (Organization for Educational Research and Technological Training) has presented an award to Monica Miller, a student at George Brown College in Toronto, who submitted the best design for the ORT Encore Circle pin.

Second and third year students of the college's Jewelry Arts program were eligible to compete in the designing of a pin for ORT's Encore Circle, a special group of benefactors who contribute to ORT's "planned giving" program and help to ensure the continuity, into the next century, of the organization's vocational training network in Israel and around the world. Miller's design, chosen for its distinctive shape, sophistication and textural interplay, suits and complements the distinction and character of The Encore Circle.

Judges were jewelry designer Jennifer Poon; Bruce Nicholson, vice-president of Williams Gold; and the co-chairmen of The Encore Circle, Harriet Morton and Dorothy Shoichet.

"The ORT philosophy is to help people to help themselves by learning a skill," says Shoichet, who is an honorary vice-president of the World ORT Union. "That is what George Brown College does so well," she explains from her vantage point as a former instructor at the college.

German extremists avoiding Jews

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Jews are not the primary targets of neo-Nazis and right-wing extremists in Germany, Professor Mark Webber, a York University German studies expert, said here recently.

The main victims of their violence are visible minorities and the political refugees who have applied for permission to live in Germany, he said.

The level of anti-Semitism in Germany, where 28,000 Jews now live, has remained constant over the past four years with 13 percent of Germans considered quite anti-Semitic, Webber told a meeting at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue sponsored by the synagogue's adult education committee and the Institute for International Affairs, B'nai Brith Canada.

"I don't think Jews will be the target of violent attacks," he told a questioner.

Webber, who lived in Germany for two years, criticized the lack of vigorous measures by the German government against right-wing elements who foment violence against minorities." In my opinion the government acted slowly, half-heartedly and with political manipulation. They were quicker to condemn terrorists on the left. This has led to the comment that the German government is blind in the right eye."

He said he does not believe that the majority of Germans are Nazis or that they are predisposed to hate and cannot change.

At one point Webber, who visits Germany several times a year, listed the spray painting and synagogue desecrations taking place and said the same things happen in Canada. When a questioner asked him if grandchildren of Jews in Germany will have to be convinced that the Holocaust took place, he declared: "I don't think those grandchildren will have a dispute with Germans, I think your grandchildren may have to dispute with Canadians. The Germans are not heavily into Holocaust denial."

The level of anti-Semitism in Austria is worrisome, he said, citing a Wiesenthal Centre report of a poll which said Austrians believe one of every three Jews exploits the Holocaust, 31 percent don't want Jews as neighbors, 19 percent don't want Jews in Austria, 20 percent don't want Jews in major jobs and six percent would not shake hands with a Jew.

He said the German goverment would continue to "flip-flop" on the question of admitting Jews from the former Soviet Union to Germany.

The German public, which used to be pro-Israel a few years ago, is now more sympathetic to the Palestinian point of view than to the Israelis, he said.

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Organizations and People

Grossman analyzes '91 Jays

By
PAUL LUNGEN

Larry Grossman

TORONTO —

Toronto Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston can thank his lucky stars that Larry Grossman is not one of the baseball team's owners.

If he were, you can bet somebody else, anybody else, would be "chawin' tabaca" in the dugout, determining the Jays' pitching rotation and making the tactical decisions that arise in every game.

Grossman, you see, lives and dies with the Jays and believes that but for Gaston, last year's team would have won the American League pennant, and probably the World Series.

Grossman, the man who puts the "fan" in fanatic, is author of an eminently readable, heartfelt dissection of the Blue Jays' 1991 "rollercoaster" season, titled *A Baseball Addict's Diary*," Penguin Books, $14.99.

Last year he put pen to paper to record his thoughts as the season unfolded and the result is an entertaining and in-depth look at what is right, and what is wrong with the club.

What is right with the team is an excellent pitching staff and good character; what is wrong is a general lack of hitting throughout the lineup and inexplicable managing decisions that could make a diehard fan with high blood pressure take up gardening.

Grossman, though, seems to divide his time between practicing law and following the Blue Jays. His clients no doubt hope he is as well versed in torts and mortgages as he is on the hit-and-run and the well-timed steal.

As you might expect from a man who practices law and once served as leader (manager?) of a major league political party, Grossman's critique of the Jays is nothing if not well argued.

His many years of following the grand old game have given him a discerning eye and a keen appreciation of its intricacies.

That's why he clearly gets so upset at the managing decisions he believes ended the Jays' season prematurely.

Commenting on Game 3 of the American league championship, with Toronto and Minnesota tied 2-2 in the 10th inning, Grossman recalls the question of who would be called on to pitch:

"No choice, no option. Sir John A. Macdonald, Patti Starr, John Olerud, Bishop Tutu, Ted Kennedy, Margaret Thatcher, Bill Vander Zalm and even Jimy Williams would have known what to do."

But not Gaston, who chose to go with Mike Timlin instead of Duane Ward. Minnie's first hitter, Grossman recalls, took the Jays' reliever over the right-field fence to put the Twins ahead in the series, 2-1.

Grossman, who might be criticized for Sunday-morning quarterbacking had he not chosen a diary form to record his thoughts, has presented an insightful synopsis of the past season that should delight other true-blue fans. If only spring training started tomorrow. . .

Yiddish classes become popular with younger set

TORONTO —

There has been much talk of the death of Yiddish. However, Yiddish is experiencing a revival among the young and even among the non-Jewish.

The committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is gearing up for its spring term of beginner and intermediate Yiddish classes, which will be held at several locations. Most classes are co-sponsored by the North York Board of Education's Continuing Adult Education Department.

Sylvia Lustgarten, director of the federation's Yiddish committee, recalls how the shidduch (match) was made between the federation and the Board of Education.

"I just wondered what could be done to have Yiddish classes," she says with a smile. "So I picked up the phone to the North York Board of Education and asked whether it was possible to have a Yiddish night class, and the answer was a simple 'yes'."

"It was the beginning of a fruitful relationship," says Lustgarten. "The board has been a marvellous partner. We now have children's classes, a high school credit class and conversational classes at several levels."

Lustgarten points out that the high school class didn't take place this year, because a teacher could not be found. Apart from that glitch, she says that smoothly running Yiddish programming is the result of a continual interest shown by the community, who "are showing an increased awareness of the value of Yiddish in their lives. People talk about the reanissance of Yiddish and we learn everyday that it's really true."

The North York Public Library has observed an increase in the request for Yiddish materials, Lustgraten says. The library has looked into purchasing books and videotapes through Yiddish media catalogues supplied by the committee.

Bonnie Kates is the liaison between the North York Board of Education and the committee for Yiddish. No stranger to the federation, she chairs Tel Aide and is also a board member of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT). But with no background in Yiddish whatsoever, Kates, a public health nurse for the City of Toronto, found herself in the curious position of promoter of the 1,000-year-old language.

"I have a child who attended Bialik Hebrew Day School and studied Yiddish there," Kates explains. "He absolutely loved the language."

Yiddish classes will be offered at Beth David, taught by Ben Clodman. Rockford Road Public School will announce its Yiddish instructor. Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda will offer three classes of various levels, all taught by Helena Isenberg.

Bialik Hebrew Day School and Beth Sholom are also sponsoring Yiddish courses. The instructor is Julie Sokoloff. All classes offered through the committee are designed to adapt to the needs of each student.

For more information about these or any other Yiddish courses, contact Bonnie Kates, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's committee for Yiddish, at 635-2883, ext. 155.

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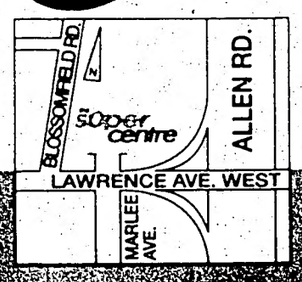

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Organizations and People

Levinson makes mark in small town

By
BEN ROSE

SOUTH PORCUPINE —
Ulysses Levinson, 84, one of the few Jews still living in this town five miles from Timmins in northern Ontario, still runs his gift store seven days a week and lives above the store as he has for 57 years.

When a fire destroyed most of South Porcupine in 1911, David Levinson saved Ulysses and his brother and two sisters by putting them in the lake.

Ulysses' father hailed from Odessa but he was a student of Greek philosophy and gave his youngest son his distinctive Greek name.

Ulysses Levinson has no regrets about growing up in a small town (population 5,000) and no desire to leave. His wife, the former Anne Coven, died in 1985.

"I don't want to move to Toronto, the pace is too quick," he told *The CJN*. "Everyone knows me here and I'm comfortable."

What was it like growing up Jewish in South Porcupine? "In the early days at school, being Jewish was having two strikes against you," he said. "But my older brother Bertram and I fought our way through. I still think there always will be prejudice and jealousy, at least that's my view."

Levinson opened his store in 1934, in the teeth of the depression of the 1930s. "It wasn't as bad here in the north because we had people coming up from Toronto looking for jobs."

As a young man, Levinson worked as a janitor looking after the bunk rooms at Paymaster Mines and at Beaumont Mines where he fired a big boiler. Both jobs paid him $4.24 a day, including room and board.

The South Porcupine Jewish community, which rarely exceeded five families, attended the Hebrew school and synagogue in Timmins: the synagogue has since been sold.

Other Jews still living here are Levinson's twin sister, Minerva Levinson Gram, his brother-in-law Harry Gram, and Michael Feldman and his family.

Ulysses Levinson, 84, in his gift store in South Porcupine, Ont. He is a member of the town's small Jewish community which has only three families.

Unfortunately, his twin sister, who taught school in South Porcupine for many years, suffered a stroke recently and is in Porcupine General Hospital.

The town has been hit by layoffs because the price of gold is down, Levinson said. "The GST doesn't help and free trade doesn't help," he said.

Levinson's father once ran a general store and dairy in town but the store burned down in another fire in 1917.

He has a son, Bernard Levinson, who teaches philosophy at Indiana State University, Bloomington, Ind., and a daughter, Barbara Grimson, and two grandchildren in Toronto.

Two British Columbia writers, David Kirk and his wife, Beve Tansey, who are writing a book about journalist Pierre Van Paasen, interviewed Levinson and Minerva about the time Van Paasen spent in the area working in the gold mines. Van Paasen and the elder Levinson used to have long conversations about philosophy.

Appleby to chair education commission

TORONTO —
Ronald Appleby has been appointed to chair the Commission on Jewish Education on behalf of the community of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. This is the first time since the 1970s that the community's education system will be closely examined.

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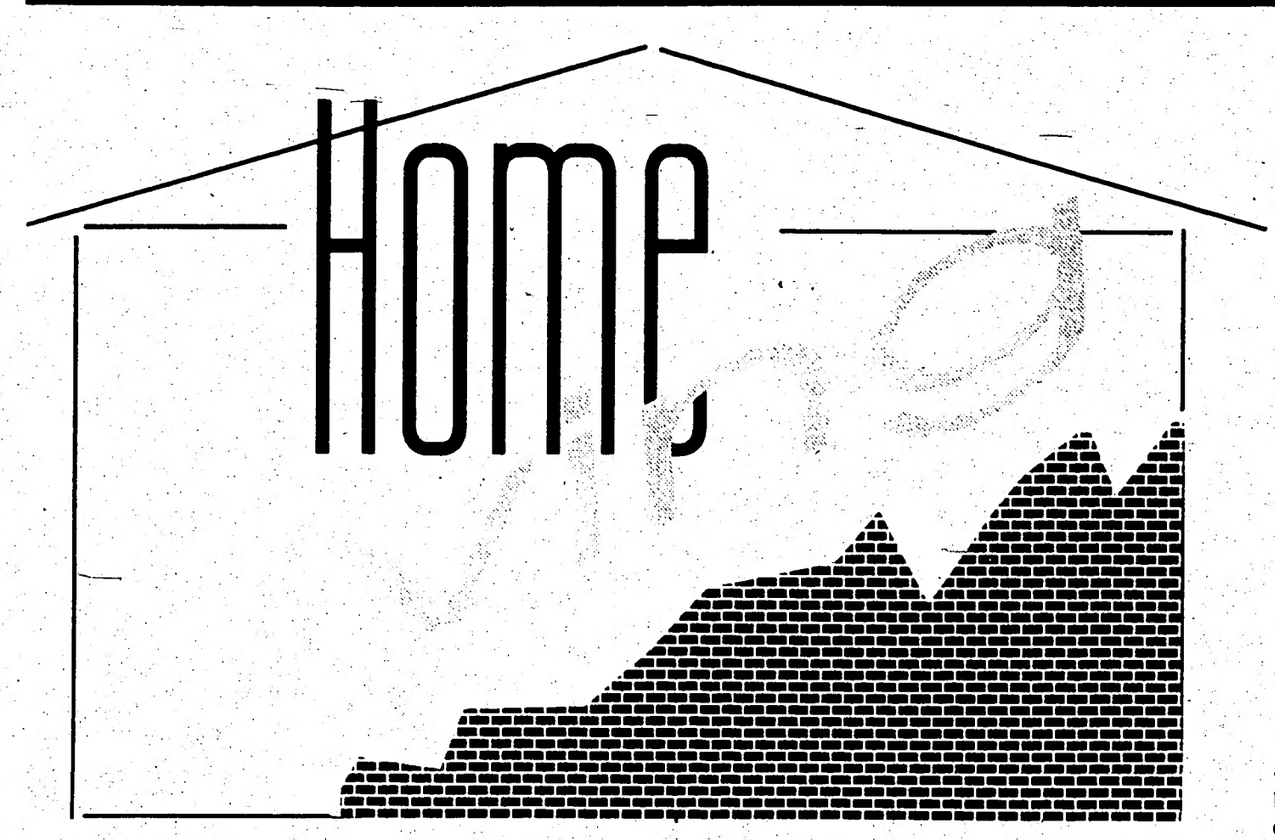

Light up your life

By BRUCE PARKINSON

Good lighting is very addictive, says Glenn Boccini, proprietor of Eurolite, a lighting design consultancy firm.

Boccini says many of his customers become "lighting fanatics" after their eyes are opened to the myriad possibilities available in a field where technology is continually creating new options.

As well as being educated on lighting's intricacies, perhaps Boccini's customers also are infected by his boundless enthusiasm on the topic. For he discusses the subject in an outspoken, articulate manner that combines knowledge with a philosophical interpretation.

"If architecture is the body of a home and interior design is the soul, then lighting design is the emotion," he says. "Our work changes the emotion of a space. We determine what emotions our customers want to bring forth, and we interpret them into technical terms."

Lighting is too often left to last, says Boccini, whether in the building of a new home, or in renovation plans for older homes. Failure to pay attention to this crucial element of design can result in "lightmares — and there are plenty of them out there," he says.

In its six years of existence, Eurolite has tackled a wide range of projects — homes, new and old, retail stores from Holt Renfrew to tiny mall kiosks, nightclubs, the interior of a boat, and even some work for the Ontario pavillion being built for the Seville Expo.

Boccini says his prime desire is to promote good lighting, whether it be through a valuable contract to design lighting for a monster home, or providing no-charge advice over the phone to people disappointed with the quality of light offered by trendy energy-saving bulbs. But his love is to get his hands on a new project.

"It's great fun to explore the possibilites of a smaller project, to try new things, discuss new ideas. In six years and hundreds of projects I have never done the same thing, because A it's no fun, B it's no fun and C it's no fun. There is no generic formula for lighting. It's a special effect to be manipulated to generate atmosphere."

Many people are not that conscious of the effects of lighting, Boccini says, but they are profound. "Think about it. Ask yourself, 'How do I feel?' when you enter a home, office or store. That will help teach you the impact of lighting."

Residential projects are special, says Boccini, "because you are dealing with people's dreams and aspirations. I try to feel people out, find out what's important to them. What will you use this room for? What is the comfort level you want? Then I provide them with a number of options."

The consultant-client relationship can work many ways. The client can specify a budget and Eurolite will work within it. "We've worked with some spectacularly low budgets in these times," says Boccini. The firm will do a room at a time, if desired, or sometimes be set free to exercise their creativity unfettered by budget, with the plans adapted later.

With the exception of monster homes, most rooms in a house are multi-use. Therefore, flexibility and options are key to good lighting. And with the amount of lighting technology available, it's difficult for clients to know what they want, without some professional counsel.

Eurolite's Queen Street East location includes a library of lighting catalogues that Boccini says is one of the largest in Canada. He encourages clients to drop by and chat, or browse through the shelves full of lighting design options from around the world. Possibilities range from tiny, focused halogen lamps that will dramatically illuminate a statue or other piece of artwork, to ceiling tiles implanted with miniscule lights in random patterns, giving a starry night effect.

While applauding the public's desire to save energy with the new low wattage bulbs, Boccini says many of them don't provide good lighting. He says he can offer other ways of saving energy, without forcing the user to suffer from poor illumination.

Occupancy sensors, which turn on lights when a room is entered, is one way to preclude leaving lights on so people don't have to grasp for switches. A 75-watt halogen bulb can effectively replace a 100-watt incandescent, without detracting from the quality of light, as many of the low-wattage fluorescent models do, Boccini says.

Above all, lighting should be fun, the designer says. And he clearly has fun talking about his job, as well as doing it. "We put our heart and soul into what we do. We want to be at the open house party. We want to be invited for dinner. . . "

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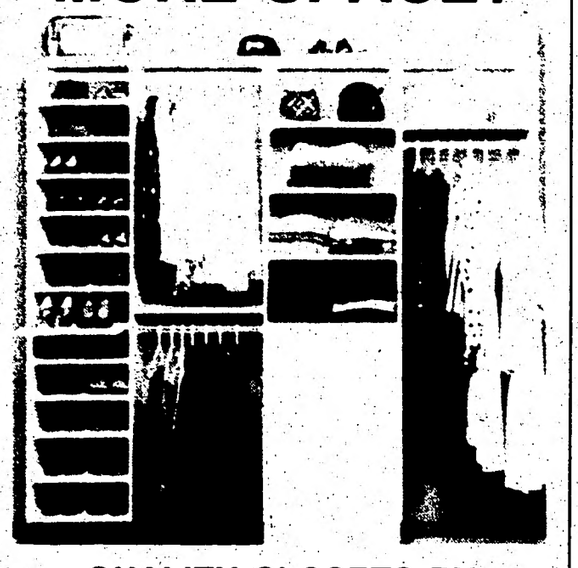

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Carbon monoxide is an odorless, invisible gas produced when a fire or flame isn't burning cleanly. If the burner on a propane fridge is blocked with dust, rust or spiders' webs, proper combustion may not occur, releasing carbon monoxide into the cabin.

"Carbon monoxide can also be produced if a natural gas or propane appliance or even a fireplace you use at home isn't in good working order," explains Philip. "But while it's important to make sure all heating systems and appliances are well maintained, it's doubly important in a small enclosed space, such as a cottage, where fumes from a defective appliance can kill overnight."

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include fatigue, nausea, headaches and dizziness. The results can be brain damage, physical disability or death.

Propane refrigerators are popular in remote areas that don't have electrical service. But models that vent indoors are considered so dangerous that, several years ago, the Consumer Ministry banned their sale in Ontario. Philip strongly advises people who own these models to buy new ones, or move them outside their cottages and chalets. "Your family's added safety is well worth the inconvenience," he says.

Philip also warns against purchasing old-model propane fridges that may be offered for private sale. "The seller say they've been refurbished and are perfectly safe, but we disagree. That's why we've made the sale of indoor-venting propane fridges illegal," he says.

Newer, outdoor-venting propane fridges should also be cleaned and adjusted annually by a certified propane fitter. They should also be inspected each time they are moved, to make sure the burner is clear.

Israeli firm preserves flowers for arrangements

A moment in nature is suspended in time: preserved plants from the Holy Land.

JERUSALEM —

Floral arrangements and greenery are popular interior decorator items everywhere. However, fresh flowers must be replaced every five to 10 days, and foliage, whether earth-bound or hydroponic, must be carefully tended.

While most of the global flower market is for fresh-cut flowers, it is not surprising that there is a $150 million businesses worldwide in drying and preserving genuine flowers.

The overwhelming majority of this care-free flower market are dried flowers, rapidly dehydrated in large artificial drying sheds. There is a catch, however. Dried flowers have a limited lifetime, are fragile, and they shed. Give a sample sprig a shake, and it will provide a gentle fallout of frail petals.

"We offer a unique solution: preserved plants and flowers," says Israeli flower grower Gil Abiri of Liron Preserved Plants Export Co. Ltd., who claims his preserved flowers are flexible yet sturdy. Despite their frail appearance, he says, one can give a soft velvet-like bouquet several stout smacks without inflicting any apparent damage. "Flowers and plants are treated at their peak. Preservation leaves the natural textures, shapes, colors, and even some of the fragrance intact," he explains.

Gil Abiri has spent the last 15 years expanding his father's farmyard hobby and his mother's flower shop into a growing concern. In 1975, the three turned a small family venture catering to the local market into a lucrative intercontinental enterprise, with markets in the United States, Europe, Australia, and the Far East, including Japan. Liron accounts for about half of Israel's preserved flower exports.

Unique varieties

Flowers and foliage come from a variety of sources throughout Israel. Most are surplus export-quality cut flowers provided by several hundred of Israel's 3,000 flower growers from hot-houses, greenhouses, and open fields from the Galilee to the Negev. Unique varieties of grasses, grain, and wildflowers are collected far afield but, Abiri stresses, none of these wild varieties are endangered or protected plants.

"Preservation is as old as antiquity. There's ample evidence in archeological finds indicating our ancestors had their own methods of preservation. We've merely built on an ancient art — improving and updating methods for mass production," he says.

"Plants are 70 percent water and 30 percent vegetable fibre," says Abiri. "We remove the water encased in the plant cell and replace it with oils, dyes, and other agents that leave the cell's structure and shape unimpaired. The plants are permeated with these secret preparations by suction, immersion, osmosis, capillary action, and other methods of infusion. The result is an astonishing array and an astounding variety of shades and colors, shapes and textures — black or bleached sprigs, metallic leaves, earth-stained grasses, and brightly colored domestic and wildflowers.

While the bulk of the business is cut sprigs, stalks, and stems, there are also larger varieties like pampas grass, marsh rushes, papyrus stalks, and eucalyptus branches.

Today, house plants have become as much a yardstick of good housekeeping as a clean kitchen. Liron also caters to this market, preserving entire shrubs and small saplings, including pine, eucalyptus, and cyprus saplings, as well as the Biblical acacia and papyrus plants. While these potted plants do not grow, they do remain in full bloom or in full foliage indefinitely without water or sunlight.

In addition to exporting its own products, the Israeli firm plans to expand its activities, offering interested parties in other countries joint ventures to produce preserved flowers and plants utilizing their know-how.

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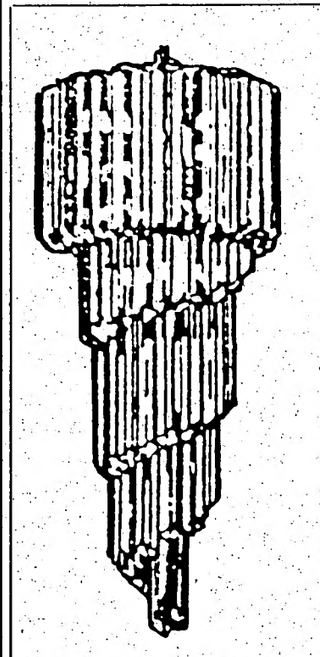

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Conductor Victor Feldbrill (second from left) marked the 50th anniversary of his conducting debut with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra with a series of concerts featuring the world premiere of Srul Irving Glick's The Reawakening. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, sponsored one of the concerts as part of its music program. With Feldbrill (from left) is Irwin Fefergrad, chairman of the TSO concert evening; Srul Irving Glick, Beth Tikvah's composer-in-residence; and Dr. Murray Urowitz, chairman of the 25th anniversary committee.

Feldbrill premieres Glick work

By
PAULA CITRON

TORONTO —

When he was just 18 years old, Victor Feldbrill was invited by Sir Ernest MacMillan to conduct the Toronto Symphony. Later, Feldbrill joined the TSO as a violinist, eventually becoming assistant and then resident conductor.

Fifty years later, he's still a regular guest conductor with the orchestra and to celebrate this half century of association, the TSO commissioned an original work by composer Srul Irving Glick which was premiered at an anniversary concert at Roy Thomson Hall.

The rest of the program included Sibelius' *Symphony No. 2* and Haydn's *Cello Concerto in C Major*, the latter performed by Ofra Harnoy who had previously made her TSO debut under Feldbrill's baton.

The major focus of the concert was the Glick piece, a symphonic poem entitled *The Reawakening*. What fun for the composer to have the full forces of a major orchestra placed at his disposal, and Glick used the opportunity to employ every available instrument to build his tidal wave of music.

Before the piece began, Feldbrill explained to the audience that Glick was influenced by the cantorial singing of his father and that he writes "listener friendly" music, both of which were true about *The Reawakening*.

In his program note, Glick explained his musical poem described coming out of a time of chaos and confusion with a renewed and rekindled vitality. The work began deep in the lower registers with the celli and basses playing a hard driving rhythm which unleashed intense, angst-filled musical episodes punctuated by a series of slow graceful sections of thought and reflection. Although Glick may shudder at the comparison, at times the power and tension of his full orchestral moments was positively Wagnerian; at other times, in the slower, more lyrical sections, one could detect the influence of Prokofiev.

Because this is a symphonic poem, the work is very episodic with a constantly changing kaleidoscope of moods. Glick used this shifting musical picture to full advantage by introducing themes that are transformed before they are resolved, a tension which is brought relief by the aggressive statement of the ending. The plaintive cries of solo instruments were introduced as bridges between themes, almost like following a person on a musical journey, a journey that achieves a triumph over confusion and disorientation.

In *The Reawakening*, Glick has written an orchestral piece that deserves a shelf life and this writer is certain that repeated hearings will unveil more riches within the work. Feldbrill proved to be a most sympathetic conductor, one who was able to take the complex diversity of Glick's composition and render it in a meaningful fashion by keeping a tight rein on the proceedings.

With moods of quiet suddenly flowing into ones of anxiety and vice versa, the musical architecture of the piece could have led to anarchy but Feldbrill welded *The Reawakening* into a focused poetic drama.

Since throughout his career (and he has conducted every major orchestra in Canada) Feldbrill has been a tireless promoter of new music, it is fitting that the TSO premiered an original work as an anniversary present. To also mark the occasion, the Associates of the Toronto Symphony created a scholarship in Feldbrill's name to be given annually to a member of the TSO Youth Orchestra, an organization he established in 1974.

After 50 years, Feldbrill has been honored with an outpouring of public recognition that he so richly deserves.

The Jewish Voice covers issues from soup to nuts

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

"Thank God people have VCRs."

Steven Kerzner might be forgiven for believing that without divine intervention his foray into the world of ethnic television would have remained unnoticed but for early risers and close relatives. But with an 11:30 a.m. airing on Monday morning and a repeat at 7:30 the next Sunday morning, not two time slots he would have chosen if it were up to him, you might not expect many others to view *The Jewish Voice* when it hits the air.

But Kerzner has been pleasantly surprised to learn that many in Toronto's Orthodox community take in the Sunday show on Channel 47 Multilingual Television (cable 4) while others view it at their comfort thanks to the magic of video recording.

For Kerzner and Rayna Morrison, co-producers of the show, *The Jewish Voice* is a labor of love, a community service.

With no remuneration for their efforts, which usually amount to five to 10 hours per week each, the two television program directors have put together shows on kashruth, Kabbalah, death and grieving, Israeli politics — everything from soup to nuts

The show addresses issues that concern Toronto Jews, said Kerzner, who hosts the program.

Back to back programs on kashruth were conceived in the wake of newspaper columns attacking the Jewish method of kosher slaughter, Kerzner said, as well as in response to claims by others who say kosher food costs amount to a hidden tax on non-Jews.

Kerzner and Morrison plan to air a community forum to discuss Mideast peace issues while another show will examine the Jewish concept of marriage.

So far, the program has been well received by Jewish and non-Jewish educators, who have used tapes of the show to instruct on the Jewish faith, he said.

Morrison said she was pleasantly surprised to receive a number of calls from non-Jews interested in the issues covered and to get more information about guests.

The show also has good relations with Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith and other agencies, who provide guests for some programs, Kerzner said.

Kerzner, whose daytime job is as program director for Newton Cable TV, said he believes too many Jewish young people are drifting away from their heritage. It's his hope that *The Jewish Voice* will in some way help reverse that trend.

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

From The Ends Of The Earth: Judaic Treasures of the Library of Congress by Abraham J. Karp (Rizzoli Publisher, $62.00).

In 1914, the Library of Congress established a Semitic Division in order to collect, preserve and make available materials relating to the cultural and spiritual heritage of the Jewish people.

The volume under review was published to accompany a travelling exhibition which opened at the Library of Congress last year. It is handsomely produced and lavishly illustrated with more than 300 color and black and white illustrations of books and objects in the library's collection of Judaica.

Featured in this catalogue are Hebrew manuscripts, ketubot, miniature books, and amulets. Its more than 200 manuscripts include a Hebrew translation of the Koran, various responsa of the rabbis, an 18th-century Italian decorated megillah (Scroll of Esther), an early Ethiopian Psalter in Ge'ez, various commentaries on the Hebrew Scriptures, and, one of the library's great treasures, the Washington Haggadah, a 15th century Hebrew illuminated manuscript executed by Joel ben Simeon.

Each of the book's 19 chapters displays precious treasures for the reader's delight and consideration. The Book of the People presents the greatest and most important editions of the Bible in Hebrew and other languages, and what these tell of the life of the Jews among the nations. The Seas of the Talmud and Some Shores It Has Touched deals with the central role of the legal tradition in Jewish civilization and its influence upon other cultures.

A gathering of prayer books, rich in the variety of rites, translations, and commemorations of historic events is entitled Enthroned on Praises. Books and manuscripts recording the long, eventful historical experience of the Jewish people are found in the section Witnesses to History.

The character of the Jewish contribution to America's cultural and religious life can be glimpsed in the careers of Mordecai M. Hoah, Isaac Leeser, Isaac M. Wise and Emma Lazarus. The place of the Hebrew language, the Holy Land, and the Hebrew prayer book in the religious culture of America is depicted in Holy Tongue — Holy Land — Holy Words. From the Lands of the Czars depicts, through graphic arts, the life of the East European Jewish immigrant community.

The sumptuous volume is a reminder of the contributions of the Jewish people — in the Old World and New — in its encounter with history. Given the cost of books today, this volume is a true bargain.

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Eye on Arts

Ron Satok, who until 14 years ago had been developing an international reputation as a visual artist, blending his work with the intimate spaces of architecture, has come full circle, but returned to a different world of arts.

Prior to losing his sight to glaucoma in 1978, Satok retreated from the professional life of an artist, to pursue a doctorate in art and art education in order to prepare himself for his new non-sighted life.

Satok is presenting a one-man show of his most recent works from Feb. 22 to March 22 at the Randolph Dance Theatre, 205 Richmond St. W., 5th floor.

The collection consists of black ink drawings on white. The expressive works are fresh and alive, clearly stating how music and dance have become a major part of Satok's inspiration. He has proven to himself, like Beethoven, that creativity flows through the soul, even with the absence of a primary sense.

Susan Satok, an artist and Ron's wife, has acted as curator for this event.

A private gala to mark the opening begins at 8 p.m. on Feb. 22, with introductions made by Satok's longtime friend, Edward Gorn, former cultural attache for the Canadian Embassy in New York.

There will be a short video including Satok's previous one-man show in Japan, titled: *Satok within the Sumo Circle*, presented by Michael Spencer, another cultural associate. Bernie Senensky, jazz pianist, will provide entertainment for Saturday night. The opening continues on Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. with Norman Amadio on keyboard.

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An enthusiastic crowd filled the auditorium of the central library in London, Ont. Jan. 27 to hear Dr. Shel Krakofsky launch and read from his new collection of Jewish poetry, *The Reversible Coat* (Moonstone Press), Wendy Levin reports.

While the evening was devoted to his poetry, it was announced that Krakofsky, a family physician, is the current recipient of a Canadian Authors Association award for fiction. The Okanagan award, Canada's foremost short fiction prize, will be presented to Krakofsky at a ceremony at McMaster University.

His winning story, *The Minyan*, will be published in the spring issue of Canadian Author and Bookman. Previous winners of the award include W.P. Kinsella and Matt Cohen.

At the reading, Krakofsky, who is married with three teenage children, captivated the audience with poems ranging from Jewish family life, Israel, the Shoah, baseball and a lighthearted piece of nostalgia called Stanley Cup Seder.

Besides writing and practising medicine in London, Krakofsky is also editor of *Parchment*, Canada's first national annual journal of creative Jewish writing which will be released during Jewish Book Month in November. Krakofsky's publisher plans to bring out a collection of his Jewish short stories next year.

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A madcap tourist and travel writer is the subject of *Senetta Boynton Visits the Orient*, the current attraction at Solar Stage, Feb. 4-29. For the purposes of the play, the theatre has been transformed into a church basement where her bizarre travels are told by means of a slide show.

Written by Colleen Curran, it features Claire Crawford, Robert Latimer and Katherine Guselle.

Solar Stage is located on the concourse level of the Madison Centre at 4950 Yonge St., just north of Sheppard Avenue. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 12:12 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. 221-9855.

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A delightful fable about the origin of waterlilies, the *Star Princess and the Waterlillies*, by the eminent composer R. Murray Shafer, will be performed Sunday, Feb. 16, at 3 p.m., at the Jane Mallett Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre, by the Toronto Children's Chorus. 366-7200.

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Music Toronto is pleased to present the Tchaikovsky Chamber Orchestra on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. in the Jane Mallett Theatre of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts. The program will include works by Mozart, Schnittke, and Tchaikovsky.

Formerly known as the Soviet Émigré Orchestra, the Tchaikovsky Chamber Orchestra has been praised for its "rich, full-toned and mellow string sound" (*The New York Times*). Performing without conductor, the orchestra demonstrates "a collective individuality that makes the music of the full ensemble especially complex and interesting" (*The Washington Post*).

Founded in 1979 by Lazar Gosman, music director of the Leningrad Chamber Orchestra for 17 years, the Tchaikovsky Chamber Orchestra gave performances at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Centre in its debut season.

Led by Maestro Gozman from the concertmaster's chair, the orchestra performs works by composers from Bach to Barber, but brings an "extra measure of authority" to works by Russian composers (*Toronto Star*).

During the last two seasons the orchestra has appeared throughout the United States, Canada, and Israel, and made their third tour of Europe. They have toured extensively in Latin America and have visited South America five times.

Music Passage, a full-length documentary about the orchestra, was released in 1984 to critical acclaim. The film tells the powerful story of Gozman's passage to America and his formation of the Soviet Émigré Orchestra.

For further information, please contact Debora Dunn at 971-5027.

Kopstein gets nomination for Gemini Award

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
A woman who didn't start writing until her two children were grown up and in college has been nominated for a Gemini Award for best writer of a dramatic series for episodes of *Road to Avonlea*.

Marlene Kopstein, who writes under the name of Marlene Matthews, said her success at screenwriting was an "amazing long shot."

"I just plunged in and in my case ignorance was bliss," she said. Though a rejection slip came back with her first attempt at a book, her first try at a TV script caught the attention of an agent and she sold it.

Besides *Road to Avonlea* she has written episodes for *ENG*, *Neon Rider*, *Bordertown* and *TNT*.

She is full of enthusiasm for the idea that other "late bloomers" like herself should try to crack the field. "Pay no attention to the detractors and the naysayers. TV is hungry for material."

She is married to Joel Kopstein, a retired furniture manufacturer, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Daniels of Skymark Drive.

She attended Humewood Public School, Forest Hill Collegiate, University of Toronto, where she majored in English and history, and University of Windsor, where she obtained a degree in fine arts.

For some years the family lived in Chatham and Windsor.

The Kopsteins have two children, Pam Calderone, a social worker, and Jeffrey, a political economist, currently in Germany writing a book on his doctoral dissertation. They also have two granddaughters.

While she will continue to write for *Road to Avonlea*, Kopstein said she is also working on a novel and is confident it will be a blockbuster.

An opportunity to see her work comes Sunday, Feb. 9 when the second episode in a two-parter (the first ever) in *Road to Avonlea* airs on CBC-TV at 7 p.m.

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Sunquest Vacations has added Israel to their brochures. In the Israel booth at Sunquest's Jan. 12 consumer show in Toronto are (left) Yehuda Shen, director for Canada, Israel Government Tourist Office, and Roberto Schliesser, DSM Ontario and Western Canada, El Al Israel Airlines.

Sunquest takes off for Israel

By
JACK KOHANE

TORONTO —
What the tale of the "Little Train That Could" did for locomotive lovers, Sunquest Vacations has done for the travelling public. Now the tour operator has again taken wing with direct flights to Israel.

"It was an excellent opportunity — a good move based on solid business sense," says Wayne Noseworthy, vice-president of Sunquest's European division.

For several years the company has continued to expand upon its London, England charter to Israel via British Airways.

Last November saw some initial negotiations by Sunquest into the logistics of instituting direct flights to the Holy Land. They approached El Al and the Israel Tourist Board and the idea was enthusiastically received.

So quick and so smooth were these consultations that a firm deal was struck by all parties only a month later.

Integral to this were Sunquest's president and CEO Patrick Brigham (the acclaimed wunderkind of the travel industry) and Eddie Carroll, president of the European division.

They realized the potential of this destination. It has mass appeal in many aspects — ethnic, religious, and a truly unique sightseeing experience. It can also be marketed as a "sun worshipper's heaven" that is Sunquest's stock-in-trade.

The key for the Sunquest people was to offer the tour at a reasonable price. The company has built its reputation, and loyal clientele, upon customer satisfaction and a quality product at exceptional prices.

To this end, El Al was their first choice as national carrier. Bus tours, hotel accommodations, comprehensive itinerary, even a stay in a kibbutz guesthouse round out the final package.

Noseworthy made the announcement of this new addition to the company's lineup at a recent Travel Show in Toronto. The audience, made up of travel agents, greeted the news with thunderous applause.

As Noseworthy explains, with a slight grin, he was somewhat taken aback by this spontaneous and ecstatic reception. "But it was overwhelming support by people in this industry for our decision. By all indications, this stands as one of the best corporate moves in our 20-year history."

Jill Wykes, the company's director of public relations, informs that it is all systems go for initial departure on May 4, 1992. "Round trip fares from Toronto to Tel Aviv range from $1,217 to $1,545, depending upon personal preference to stop over in London for a couple of days before getting a connecting flight to Israel."

Travellers using Sunquest flights may book air transportation on its own or in tandem with other offerings such as coach tours, rental cars, or hotel packages.

"Flights will leave Toronto from Pearson International's Terminal 2," says Wykes. "That seems the most convenient for our customers who are already familiar with Canadian carriers that depart from there."

Asked about future plans, Noseworthy says that the new Toronto-Tel Aviv connection has plenty of room to grow. "We service Ontario and western New York State. Thus we have easy acess to one of the largest tourist markets in North America. We also have a track record that proves that all our destinations are excellent and well received by the public.

"We will expand upon our entire range of holiday services in Israel, including more hotel tours, coach excursions and Holy Land sightseeing locales. Positive and sustained growth here is expected for years to come."

What of the current economic recession? What of the apprehension among some people about the Middle East's political situation?

"Even during the Gulf War last year, we continued to book regular flights for Israel," Wykes responds.

"Canadians are more adventurous by nature," Noseworthy adds. "Whereas some destination may be less popular during times of instability, this country's tourists are choosing Israel in ever-increasing numbers.

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Yiddish alive in Miami

By
ROSE KLEINER

PALM BEACH —
Yiddish theatre in Palm Beach? A kosher yogurt hangout in Miami Beach? Agam sculptures in public buildings? South Florida, with its increasing number of cultural attractions, offers much that is of interest to the Jewish tourist.

The Yiddish version of the musical comedy, *The Pirates of Penzance*, by Gilbert and Sullivan, was shown recently at the Duncan Theatre, in Palm Beach. The Actors' Playhouse, in Kendall, recently presented *Yours Anne*, a musical comedy based on the *Diary of Anne Frank*.

The Area Stage, on Lincoln Road in Miami Beach, will run Harold Pinter's *The Homecoming* in February and March. Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs* will be at the Theatre Company of Plantation until March 1.

The Coconut Grove Playhouse ran an excellent production of *The Lady From Havana*, in the fall, and is now showing the musical, *Forever Plaid*. It continues until Feb. 16. The comedy, *I Hate Hamlet*, is scheduled from Feb. 25 to March 22.

Minorca Playhouse will present the one-man show, *Vincent*, February 12-23 and the drama, *And A Nightingale Sang*, March 3-22.

Music, be it pop, cantorial or classical, can be heard in different parts of south Florida, with world famous artists appearing regularly. Violinist Shlomo Mintz will play at Temple Beth El, Roca Raton, on Feb. 11. Isaac Stern, Yo Yo Ma and Emanuel Ax will play at the Borward Center (Fort Lauderdale) Feb. 19, and at the Dade County Auditorium (Miami) on Feb. 20.

The Seventh Annual Cantorial Concert, with the Greater Palm Beach Symphony Orchestra, will be held at the West Palm Beach Auditorium on Feb. 23. The musical review, *Those Were The Days*, with Mike Burstyn will be at the Colony Theatre (Miami Beach) until Feb. 16, and at the Royal Poinciana Theatre (Palm Beach) March 17-22.

The most dramatic sculpture of Jewish interest in south Florida is the 42-foot bronze work by Kenneth Treister, which is the focal point of the Holocaust Memorial, in Miami Beach.

An exhibit titled Jews in American Cinema continues until Feb. 24 at the Levis Jewish Community Center, in Palm Beach.

Other happenings in south Florida include weekly Monday morning meetings of a group whose topic is Yiddishkeit and Humor. The group meets at the Jewish Community Center of the Greater Palm Beaches.

TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

It's Monday morning. A little late to be writing my column, but I had a busy, but very pleasant week. The reason being that our beloved editor, **Genghis Kahn Rucker** was in **Montreal** harassing the troops at our office there.

That is also the reason that I've got some space this week to catch you up on a lot of things. Have you noticed how she's been trying to squeeze this column lately? I'm sure she'd like me to give it up so she could take over and write some drivel that not even **Leon** would read. **Leon,** God bless him, is her husband and a really nice guy. So go figure.

Anyway, let's talk travel before she gets to the office and bores me with tales of her adventures in Montreal.

Journeys 57 and **Artifact Tours** of **New York** are offering a unique tour called **Jewish Pioneers in the Southwest.** No, it's not a takeoff on **City Slickers** and you don't have to wear cowboy boots and a stetson.

This is a week-long tour to provide a rare view of the Jewish influences on the history, culture and artistry of **New Mexico.** Driven from **Spain** by the **Edict of Expulsion** in the 16th century, many Jews fled to the **New World** and eventually settled in **New Mexico.** These hidden Jews, or **Marranos,** created an unusual mixture of **Jewish, Spanish** and **Indian** cultures, which, if you have any taste at all, will find more than a little intriguing.

Departure dates are Feb. 23 and March 15. Other dates are possible. For more info call 212-754-8022 or fax 212-750-0160. Sounds interesting and a lot of fun, plus the fact that **New Mexico** is a beautiful state.

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There's an exhibition at the **Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery** through May 31 that offers a rare collection of portraits depicting three generations of one of early **New York's** most prominent Jewish families. It's called the **Levy-Franks Family Colonial Portraits.** One of about 75 Jewish families in **Colonial New York,** the **Levy-Franks** were influential in business and were prominent members of the colony's first Jewish congregation, **Shearith Israel.**

The gallery is located at Eighth and F streets N.W. Take **Metrorail** to **Gallery Place.** Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Admission is free.

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Okay, this next item is for singles only, so parents can take this time to butter their bagels. I'll wait for you before I go on to the next piece of news following this important announcement.

The **Orthodox Jewish Singles of Chicago** are going to host what they call an "exciting" Shabbaton the weekend of March 6. Two separate programs will run simultaneously, one for those 22 to 32 years of age and a second for those 28 to 45 (those 28 to 32 may select the program they prefer).

Sounds great, but what about a program for single, virile men aged 50 whose only excitement in life is writing a crummy travel column? But I digress.

Space is limited to 200 people so hit that dial fast. The Shabbaton is tentatively scheduled for the **North Shore Hilton** on the north side of **Chicago.** Like they'd really get anyone to attend if it was on the south side.

Programming includes tours of **Chicago's** landmarks, social activities (these are not listed in case some parent reads it) well-known Shabbat speakers, catered meals and much more.

Call 312-588-1600. Should be a fun weekend and the **Windy City** is a great place.

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For anyone travelling to the **Bahamas,** there's good news. As of Jan. 1 it became a duty free port. I really shouldn't put this in the column. Half of our staff will be phoning in sick next week, then returning a few days later looking very tanned, but blaming it on a mild bout of yellow jaundice.

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Want to spend a few enjoyable hours this weekend without it costing you a lot, or having to go far?

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Judaism strong part of life in Hong Kong

By
BARBARA KINGSTONE

HONG KONG —

On Queen's Road in Hong Kong, one of the very busy streets where shoving and pushing is just a way of life, there are three men with yarmulkes having a very intense conversation on the steps of a 90-year-old building.

What may seem unusual really isn't. An elevator ride up to the 4th floor of this very busy centre gets you to the reception area of The Jewish Club and after the long trans-Pacific trip on Cathay Pacific Airlines it was quite a surprise.

There's a 150-year-old history of Judaism in Hong Kong and it's still very much part of the texture of the city. Many Jewish settlers have become rich and famous. The first Jews were Sephardis from Baghdad. Others came via China because of persecution and anti-Semitism in Europe.

Although the Jewish population is minute compared to the six million people who live in Hong Kong (there are about 3,000 Jews), many are very prominent.

If it were up to Lithuanian-born Rabbi Ben Zion Lapian, "they should be more involved."

The rabbi, after many years in London and more recently Jerusalem, moved to Hong Kong just over one year ago.

Sitting behind his desk in a very small office, sipping tea and nibbling on crackers, the witty man loves the challenge ahead of him.

"An hour after I arrived here, it could have been Timbuktu. But what I've noticed is that there isn't a sign of anti-Semitism," he says. But his kindly look turns to steel when he discusses the anti-Jewish bias in the rest of the world.

"It's a Christian problem. We must have a strong Israel. But let me emphasize that I'm anti-military."

The 78-year-old leader of the community is equally opinionated about "the hypocrites in England. They and the Europeans were over-ridden with hate for us," he states firmly.

His job in Hong Kong, he says, is to make Jews more conscious of Jewish literature, ethics and morality.

After another cup of tea, we talk about the club. "It's strictly kosher and under the direct supervision of an Orthodox rabbi," he says.

Rabbi Lapian is associated with the Temple Ohei Leah which was built in 1902 and donated by Sir Jacob Sassoon (his mother's name was Leah). Orthodox services are held every Friday and on the High Holidays.

Membership in the Jewish club includes about 230 families from about "25 different nationalities."

Temporary membership is available to Jewish visitors and to students.

The Jewish Club, 4/F Melbourne Plaza, 33 Queen's Road, Central, Telephone 801-5440.

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A strange series of events led me to be invited to a Shabbat meal which included lox and matzah balls instead of dim sum or chow mein. This may not seem so surprising except it happened in Hong Kong shortly after my Cathey Pacific Air trans Pacific trip.

Curious about whether there was an active Jewish community in this far off part of the world, I was told to phone South African born Eric Beare, chairman of the United Israel Appeal in Hong Kong.

It wasn't difficult to pick out each other in the glossy marble and opulent decor of the lobby in the Hotel Conrad. Along with Beare was Charlotte Godkin who, 42 years ago, moved here via China and East Europe.

"She's really the matriarch of the Jewish community here," Beare told me while the modest woman tried to move the conversation in another direction.

After the informative interview where Beare told me the community's goal to raise $1 million "may be somewhat optimistic," he asked what I was doing for Shabbat dinner. "Nothing," I answered. "Well then you must come to Judy and Gus' tonight." And he left me with the time and address.

Judy and Gus Diestel can only be described as "salt of the earth."

The English-born Diestels keep a kosher home while both are busy with careers. Judy is a dentist and Gus is in "the brassiere business." One son is studying at Montreal's McGill University and the other is about to start there next year.

"Keeping a kosher home here isn't easy," admitted Judy. She shops at the Jewish Club where the meat is flown in from England on a regular basis, the bread and cakes are baked on the premises under religious supervision and other bottled food is available at the club's shop.

After the variety of fish, there was matzah ball soup, followed by meat balls, veal and a series of colorful vegetables and finally home-made pecan pie, her renowned brownies and mounds of fruit.

After the closing prayers, we sat around like old friends and talked about life, the Jewish Benevolent Society, raising money for Israel and keeping Jewish rituals in Hong Kong.

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"Within 24 hours I will receive a printout on the computer of an offer of a mortgage from each of these lenders which would stipulate rate, terms, conditions and payment privileges."

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The one big advantage, says Chochinov, is that the potential client doesn't have to go to each individual lender and fill out an application at each one. "This service saves them the headache and aggravation of having to do that and they are going to get the best possible mortgage for their situation."

Chochinov does warn, however, that her service is designed for qualified applicants. "If someone is going to have trouble going into a bank or trust company to get a mortgage, then we're going to have a problem placing them through The Equity Centre mortgage market. Given that, the clientele we best serve are qualified applicants, first-time home buyers, people renewing mortgages who want to shop around and people who want to take some equity in their house because they want to use the cash for renovations or whatever."

Chochinov says The Equity Centre is completely neutral towards its lenders. "We do not promote any one lender over another. All the lenders are given a chance to bid on the mortgage application supplied by our clients. Once I receive the lenders' offers, I meet with the clients and I usually make up a chart comparing all the rates and pre-payments to see where the benefits are for each institution. Then the clients have the ability to choose which mortgage offer they prefer.

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Panel discusses location factor

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

"A key principle to success in retailing is location," said the moderator at a Retail Council of Canada panel during a recent meeting in Toronto.

Brent Houlden of Deloitte & Touche, said the recession taught retailers the dangers of over-expansion. This can be seen in the number of vacant stores in malls and street sites.

As far as location is concerned, Houlden says the real question is: Should retailers sign a lease or sit by the sidelines?

Guests on the panel offered their solutions to the leasing problem.

Doug Jones, manager of real estate for Weall and Cullen, says his company has had great success as a temporary client. Essentially, the firm leases prime locations only for their holiday season.

Jones explains that this was done because it was decided that their main location was not conveniently situated to catch the holiday shopper. As a result, Weall and Cullen leases two stores for two months.

What they look for in a location is a high traffic centre. The store itself should be unimpressive so the merchandise can be adapted to the retail space. An animated window display along with temporary fixtures that are introduced to enhance the decor complete the picture.

Keep it simple is the advice from Jones.

Temporary tenants offer a unique business opportunity and provide income for the space, Jones says. In the end, the store may increase mall traffic and, depending on the tenant, the mall could become known for its destination stores.

Jones says that the tenant gains exposure and the ability to move merchandise. As well, it is possible to promote the business's other location.

It also allows the firm to stay one step ahead of the competition by supplying something new.

"We have changed ourselves to suit our customers' needs," Jones says.

Richard Field, vice-president of real estate for Peoples Jewellers Ltd., provided a check list that retailers should follow when searching for a new prime location.

He says to consider not only who the competition might be in the mall but also the surrounding area. Look for any new centres that are being planned, he says.

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Self-directed savings plans offer various alternatives

By
TODD HERZOG

Self-directed retirement savings plans (RSP) are a popular topic at this time of year, but it is often confusing to sort through the numerous features that are discussed and the opinions offered by various experts on whether they are a good idea or not. The bottom line is that self-directed plans are good for some people, and not for others, just like any other kind of investment.

The fact is that many investors give less thought to where they invest the funds they have earmarked for an RSP than to where they buy their groceries. It is human nature to delay considering the alternatives, and to find a last-minute solution at the contribution deadline in February. However, these are not the best criteria for evaluating the type of RSP you invest in this year.

Unique portfolio

The self-directed label is actually a misnomer. A better name would be "professionally-directed" because you do not need to make all the decisions regarding your RSP investment alone. At ScotiaMcLeod for instance, an investment executive will work with you to advise you regarding your alternatives and make recommendations that are appropriate for your unique portfolio.

Here are some facts about self-directed RSPs. Self-directed plans allow the investor to construct his or her own RSP portfolio by choosing from a wide range of investments. It is usually recommended that you have at least $15,000 in RSP funds accumulated before you set up a self-directed plan to allow for proper diversification and to justify the administrative fee charged by most financial institutions for these plans.

A self-directed RSP can be tailored to fit your needs because you have a wide range of investments to choose from and the flexibility to structure your portfolio any way you wish. Qualified investments range from GICs and government-guaranteed investments such as coupons, mortgage-backed securities and government bonds, to equities and mutual funds for growth. You can even hold the mortgage on your own home as an investment within your self-directed plan.

Self-directed plans also make it easier to include a foreign component in your RSP portfolio. This is even more important as recent amendments to the Income Tax Act have increased the foreign component to 16 percent as of Jan. 1, 1992, and this will continue to increase in annual increments of 2 percent until 20 percent is reached in 1994.

A self-directed RSP also gives you the flexibility to alter the investment mix within your RSP portfolio to take advantage of changing market conditions. This flexibility can make a substantial difference in performance and in the growth of your RSP assets over time.

Self-directed plans are usually more flexible when it comes to making contributions and withdrawals as well. For example, if you do not have the cash available to make your RSP contribution, with a self-directed plan you can contribute assets you may own such as Canada Savings Bonds and stocks (provided they are RSP eligible). The amount of your contribution will be equal to the fair market value of the investment on the day it is contributed to the RSP (as there may be some income tax ramifications resulting from the contribution, please check first with your tax adviser).

Along the same lines, although you are theoretically supposed to leave the funds in your RSP intact until you retire, emergencies do occur, and it can be much easier to make a withdrawal from a self-directed plan than it is from other types of RSPs.

When determining whether a self-directed RSP is right for you, you should consider the type of performance you require, your tolerance for risk and your level of interest and expertise.

Maximum performance

If you desire maximum performance from your RSP, are willing to assume a little extra risk in return for the potential of enhanced returns without losing sleep at night and are interested in managing your own portfolio (with the advice of a qualified professional), a self-directed RSP may be the answer for you.

On the other hand, if you are a very conservative investor and prefer to simply make a deposit and know the rate of return your funds will be earning, a deposit-type plan might be best. The important thing is to choose a plan that meets your goals and that you feel comfortable with.

Todd Herzog is an Investment Executive with ScotiaMcLeod's North York office.

Industry aided by technical advances

A diamond cut in the shape of the Star of David — thanks to Professor Yehiam Prior's new system.

REHOVOT —
Improved methods developed at the Weizmann Institute of Science for cutting diamonds with lasers may lead to the eventual automation of the entire industry, and to routine production of unusually-shaped, custom-designed diamonds.

The advance, made by Weizmann Institute physics professor Yehiam Prior, overcomes a key obstacle that has until now prevented lasers from being employed on a more widespread basis in diamond processing.

Despite their speed and flexibility, lasers are used only as a last resort on diamonds that cannot be sawed by conventional, mechanical means. The high-tech tool was considered uneconomical because approximately five percent of the diamond weight is lost during sawing, the process in which the rough stone is split into two.

However, the improved methods, developed by Prior, have reduced that weight loss by more than half, making laser sawing in many cases comparable to the mechanical process.

The removal of this obstacle could pave the way for the adoption of lasers in other stages of diamond processing in which they are likely to prove highly advantageous. In addition to being extremely fast, lasers can be used to cut diamonds into virtually any shape, irrespective of the orientation of the stones' underlying crystalline structure. This allows the cutter to obtain the largest possible gem from a raw stone, and to design unusual shapes. With conventional technology, the natural crystal axes restrict the way the diamond must be cut.

"A laser has no such limits; you can cut a line in any direction," explains Prior, displaying a freshly cut rough diamond in the shape of a Star of David, a configuration that would be very difficult if not impossible to obtain using conventional technology. Furthermore, when lasers are employed to cut a diamond, the surrounding stone remains intact, enabling it to be used to make smaller diamonds. With conventional cutting, most of the peripheral stone is ground to dust.

The improved method of laser-based sawing is the result of two years of research conducted at the Weizmann Institute and funded by the Israel Diamond Institute. "We studied the parameters of the laser and of the interaction with the diamond, such as power, intensity, duration and geometric configuration in order to determine how each one affects the diamond. With this knowledge we were able to find an approach which, when used to saw diamonds, results in only a two percent weight loss," explains Prior.

Laser expert Prior is collaborating with other Israeli researchers in a study that may ultimately lead to the development of a diamond processing industry based totally on lasers and computer-aided design.

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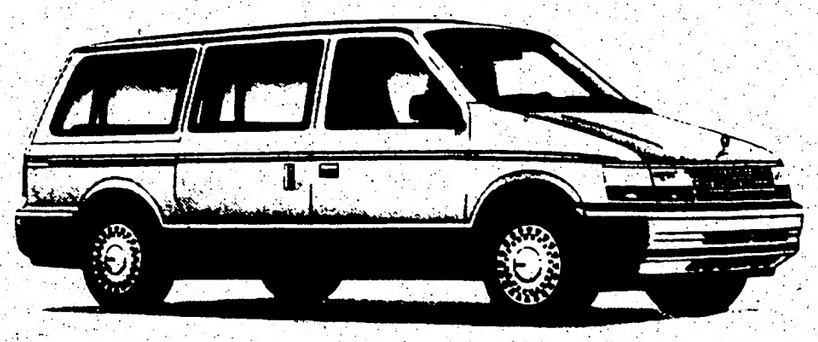
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Greenspan, Fanny on January 22, 1992, late of 3555 Bathurst St., #208.
Halas, George on January 22, 1992, late of 146 Lawton Blvd.
Lockwood, Shirley on January 19, 1992, late of 4 Goldfinch Crt., #1001.
Mandel, Hilda on January 21, 1992, late of 3555 Bathurst St., #208.
Moses, Sadye on January 22, 1992, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home.
Stern (Schlesinger), Ilona on January 24, 1992, late of 22 Chestergrove Crescent.
Urman, Eileen on January 24, 1992, late of 123 Fairholme Ave.
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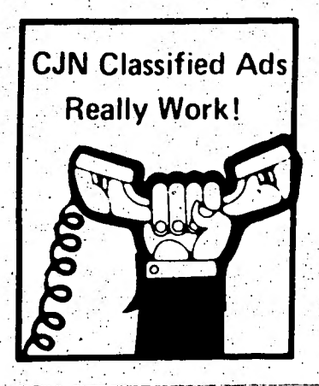
Hebrew U to honor Paperny, Frieberg

JERUSALEM — Calgary entrepreneur Maurice Paperny and Toronto developer Louis Frieberg will be awarded honorary fellowships by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem during its international board of governors meeting in Jerusalem this June.

Paperny is being recognized for his leadership in the Calgary Jewish community and with the Hebrew University, of which he is an honorary governor and which he has represented in Calgary for 25 years. He is a past chairman of the Midwest region of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Frieberg, president of El-Ef Investments, is being honored for his outstanding support of the Hebrew University, especially its Department of East Asian Studies. His support of this department has led to increased student and faculty exchanges and joint research between the university and China and has greatly developed ties between China and Israel.



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BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

IJL helps answer questions about Yiddishkeit

TORONTO —
Ever wonder why some Hebrew letters have little dots while others don't, or whether an egg laid by a chicken on a Yom Tov is kosher? Are you curious about how the Jewish intelligentsia analyzes world politics?

Through a grant from the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the Institute for Jewish Learning (IJL) was created to offer answers to questions about Yiddishkeit and to bring together members of the wide spectrum of Toronto's Jewish community. Housed at the Jewish Community Centre, the IJL is entering its third year as a beneficiary of the Endowment Fund.

Affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education, B'nai Brith Canada, the Canadian Zionist Federation, Naamat and ORT, the IJL has relied upon an annual grant allocation of $30,000 from the Endowment Fund for the past three years.

"The impression we have is that it's been very well-received by students and teachers alike," says Sam Helfenbaum, director of the Endowment Fund. "Not only is there a lineup of students for the courses, but there's a lineup of faculty who wish to be part of the institute, as well."

Two years ago, when the IJL was instituted, hundreds of students signed up. Low tuition and interesting sessions made the IJL an instant hit with the community.

Expanded roster

This year, the roster of courses has expanded from 34 to 43. During the last series of classes, 32 faculty members instructed a total of 370 students. And if the registration level keeps up, student numbers will far surpass last year, says Mark Charendoff, IJL director.

According to Charendoff, the program attempts to provide Jewish education for Toronto's unaffiliated Jews in a non-threatening and pluralistic manner. "Our students and faculty run the range from Orthodox to Reform, Zionist to non-Zionist, secular and plain-old undecided."

Word of the IJL's success has spread. Charendoff gets calls from Jewish Community Centres across Canada and the United States, and he says, "They've seen a model that's successful and works."

Classes run the gamut from Prayer: Ritual or Spirituality to Judaism Through the Artist's Eyes: Maccabees to Maimonides. There are courses that explore whether or not Jews should seek converts. Israeli history and politics are covered by the IJL, as is Yiddish language, Talmud and Jewish mysticism.

A new program highlight of the IJL is a two-year, comprehensive program, called Chevra, designed specifically for Jews who are unaffiliated with synagogue life.

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